



Neil M Knatterud

March 16, 1938 - July 26, 2011

Neil M. Knatterud, 73, Bismarck, passed away July 26, 2011, at Medcenter One Hospital. Services will be held at 11:30 am Monday, August 1, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, South Campus, corner of Divide and Washington, Bismarck, with Rev. Craig Schweitzer officiating. Burial will be at 2pm at the North Dakota Veterans Cemetery, Mandan. Visitation will be begin at 5:00 pm, where a prayer service will be held at 7:00 pm Sunday, July 31, at Parkway Funeral Service, 2330 Tyler Parkway, Bismarck. Visitation will continue one hour prior to the service at the church. Neil Marlyn Knatterud was born March 16, 1938, in Rugby, ND, the son of Nels and Marie Noraker Knatterud of Maddock. He was raised in Maddock graduating from BCATS at Maddock in 1956. Neil then graduated from North Dakota State University with a degree in pharmacy and a minor in chemistry. Neil also attended ROTC at NDSU and received a commission in the Medical Service Corps. He served in the Air Force from 1961 to 1964 as a medical supply officer. After a career in retail pharmacy, Neil began working in the NDDoH's Division of Chemistry in February 1975. Neil became assistant director of the Division of Waste Management in 1988 and director in 1992. After 25 years of service, he retired on April 30, 2000. Neil married Claudine Woyen on September 6, 1959, and together they raised two daughters, Mary Ellen and Heidi Marie. Neil was a long-time active member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, serving as council member, usher, and helping with various office duties. Neil had a unique talent for working with his hands. He designed and built

numerous woodworking pieces and car and plane models. A very special project was restoring his father's '41 Chevrolet pick-up. In later years, 'Shylo' became his trusted companion, a playful miniature schnauzer that was always by his side. Neil is survived by his wife, Claudine, Bismarck; his daughters and sons-in-law, Mary Ellen and Claud Pickard, Katy, TX, and Heidi Marie and Perry Thom, Minneapolis, MN; granddaughters and grandson-in-law, Bethany Erik Weiler, Brittany Pickard, Bretlynn Pickard and Anna Thom; his brother, Don Knatterud, Kenmare, ND; his brothers-in-law and sister-in-law, Edward Karen Woyen, Esmond, ND and Aaron Woyen, Bismarck; and a number of nieces, nephews, and cousins. Neil was preceded in death by his parents; his mother-in-law and father-in-law; and two sisters-in-law. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to the American Heart Association, 1005 12th Ave SE, Jamestown, ND, 58401, or Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 106 Osage Ave, Bismarck, ND, 58501.

Tribute Wall

SK

“ Dear Claudine and family, We were shocked and saddened to read of Neil's passing in the Press. We all enjoyed each other as classmates of the class of 1956. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all in this time of sorrow. Sid and Barb Kvale

Sid and BarbaraSweet Kvale - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ Claudine,I just now learned the distressing news of Neils death,as a former classmate and varsity BB teammate at the BCATS I can attest to his outstanding character and personality.May the support of your family,friends and our Lord bring you the comfort you deserve

Clement Leier - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ Claudine, as I told you as we left for home, I am certain our Lord welcomed Neil home with a big hug telling him "Well Done - Good and Faithful Servent". Love, Dennis

Claud Dennis Pickard - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GO

“ My deepest sympathy to Claudine and faimly. Neil was a wonderful man in all regards. He was a class leader, basketball player, and a wonderful friend. He and Claudine organized many class reunions over the years. He will be deeply missed by those of us in the Class of 56'.

Gary Olson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Claudine and Family, Sorry to hear about the loss of Neil, a fellow classmate. Condolences and prayers to you.

Dale and Mavis Halvorson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ DEAR CLAUDINE, MARY ELLEN & HEIDI MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU AND YOU FAMILY. MAY GOD BE WITH YOU IN THIS TIME. KARENJACOBSENSCHATZ

KAREN SCHATZ - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ Dear Claudine and Family, We are so sad about Neil's sudden passing. When we moved into our home Winter 2010 we were so anxious to meet the man who played ball with his puppy no matter how cold. It lifted our spirits. We soon learned that the love and care he gave to Shiloh, he also extended to his neighbors. He will be deeply missed. God Bless. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. We are here for you. With Love, Dan & Danel Raak Sarah, David & Andrew

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KT

“ *A great man will be missed. My thoughts and prayers to Claudine and family.*

Kristi Tangelin - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GG

“ *Neil, A classmate at BCATS, a roommate at NDSU, a lifelong friend and and an e-mail communicator. A really fine man who will be greatly missed. Gary and Florence Gilbertson*

Gary Gilbertson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ *Deepest sympathies. Neil and I shared a lively e-mail exchange over the last few years dealing with cars, politics and anything else that happened to interest either of us. I will miss that greatly. All the best. Steve*

Steven Anderson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ *Neil was in the first chemistry class I taught at BCATS in Maddock. He was a good student. Our thoughts are with you Claudine.*

Allen Rudel - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ *So sorry to hear of the passing of this very kind man. Neil will be missed by many. I'm praying for you and your family Claudine.*

Terri Camp - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NM

“ Neil was one of my North Dakota cousins, and although we haven't seen each other since childhood, I always looked forward to his thoughtful, often hand-written Christmas letters. Those letters told me everything I needed to know about his kind and generous spirit and his unconditional love of family. He will be greatly missed on this Earth by so many. My thoughts and prayers are extended to Claudine and their children, and everyone in his family and circle of friends. May God's presence be of comfort to all who loved him. With love and sympathy, Norma

Norma Marie Noraker McGihon - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CE

“ To Neil's family I am so sorry for you lose. I worked for Neil for several years during his time with the state. Many times I told Neil that he was the best boss I had ever had. To me not only was he my boss but also a friend and depending upon the situation, a father or a big brother. He was a good person. I will miss his jokes and notes that he would send me every few days. God bless him and his family.

Curt Erickson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ I worked with Neil at Osco Drug while going to high school, he was a true gentleman and friend. My thoughts and prayers are with his family. I know he will truly be missed.

Gere Stetson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AN

“ My sympathy to you Claudine & family. I was deeply saddened to hear of Neil's sudden passing. I just talked to him last week and we shared some humor. I will thoroughly miss seeing the two of you in church. I really enjoyed visiting with Neil through all the years I've known him. Your faith in the lord will provide comfort and carry you through this difficult time.

Alton Nitschke - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ Dear Knatterud Family, Having grown up in Good Shepherd Church, I will always remember Neil as a faithful member with a smile as he welcomed you to service while handing out bulletins or ushering. My husband, one of Neil's former ND State employees, always referred to him as a "great guy and boss". Our deepest sympathies to you. He will be missed.

Cheryl Moe-Monson and Brian Monson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LV

“ To our great person Neil You will be missed by your loved ones. To Neils family I am very sorry of his passing there is nothing I can share with you that you dont already know. What a great Man he was I worked with him many years ago at Osco's he was one of the family at that store! Nothing but GREAT!!!! THANK YOU FOR SHARING HIM WITH US. My prayers are with the family.

LaVerne Vernon - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ We are deeply saddened by Neil's sudden death. He was a terrific uncle and he's going to be missed. We send all our love to Claudine and the family. Jesus is risen!

Steven and Eileen Woyen - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ Neil was my uncle and a friend. We shared emails and an interest in antique cars. He was a good guy. He's gone way too soon and I will miss him.

Peter Woyen - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM