



## Neal Pope

February 20, 1945 - September 12, 2023

Neal Pope, born on February 20, 1945, in Grand Prairie, Texas, to Ivy Floyd Pope and Jennie McCutcheon Pope, peacefully joined the Lord on September 12, 2023.

He is lovingly remembered by his devoted wife of 55 years, Margaret Sharon Pope of Grand Prairie, Texas. Neal's legacy is carried on by his children, Roger and Karla Pope of Jasper, Arkansas; Shawn Pope and Bianca of Benbrook, Texas. Grandchildren include Montana Pope Dismang and her husband Jordan of Venus, Texas; Regan Pope Rodriguez and her husband, Ruben, of Ocala, Florida; Garrett Neal Pope of Granbury, Texas; Taylor Zinno and Makayla Zinno of Brnbrook, Texas; Austin Meter and Gizem of Chandler, Texas. Neal leaves behind cherished great grandchildren Skylar Milutin, Presleigh Pope, Parker Dismang, Kias Scott, and Brycin Rodriguez as well as a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Neal was preceded in death by his father, Ivy Floyd Pope; his mother, Jennie McCutcheon; his stepfather, Mois Hawkins; his sister and brother-in-law, Ned and Carolyn (Pope) Pryor; his brother, Kenneth "Butch" Pope, and Butch's wife, Joanne; his father-in-law, Warren Waylon Helm; and his mother-in-law, Margaret Smith.

Neal's life was marked by a deep commitment to his community and faith. He

served as a youth minister at Bowles Memorial Church from 1968 to 1970, and later spent over 30 years as a member of Indian Hills Baptist Church. His dedication extended beyond the church, as he generously gave his time as Scout Master for the Boy Scouts of America for a decade, served as Precinct Chairman for five years, and received the Lifetime Member Award from the Grand Prairie ISD for his role as PTA Vice-President.

Neal's love for sports and mentorship shined through as he coached his sons' youth baseball and football teams for many years. His sense of duty led him to serve for six years in the United States Army National Guard, and he ultimately retired with distinction from LTV/Northrop Grumman after dedicating 32 years to his career.

Neal Pope will be remembered not only for his accomplished life but for the love and guidance he provided to his family, friends, and community throughout the years. His memory will forever live on in the hearts of those who had the privilege of knowing him.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I had the honor of driving him home his last time. He was cracking jokes even then. I knew we wouldn't have you much longer but you were so happy for that short time. I will always cherish the love, memories and the many things you have done for me over the years, You rescued me with flat tires. You always had a joke (how on earth you could remember all of them) I know you are in a better place and with our other loved ones. Until we meet again. Love Nedra

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**Nedra Ragsdale** - September 27, 2023 at 01:23 AM