



Howard Richard Neahr

July 8, 1924 - November 2, 2019

Howard Richard "Dick" Neahr, 95, of Southline Road, Galway passed away at home on Saturday November 2, 2019 with his loving family at his side.

He was born at home in Hagedorn Mills on July 8, 1924 a son of Howard and Anna McGowan Neahr and attended local schools. Dick was a lifelong area resident.

Mr. Neahr was a veteran of the US Army and served in World War II as a Rifleman in Easy Company in Ardennes, Central Europe, Normandy, Northern France and Rhineland. He received the European-African-Middle eastern Service medal, the Good Conduct medal, and the Purple Heart Medal of Honor.

Dick was employed with the NYS Thruway Authority, based in Amsterdam, for twenty-one years, retiring in 1986.

He enjoyed driving his tractor and cutting trees on his land and just walking out in the big woods. Dick loved to hunt and fish and spend time with the guys at the hunting camp. He also loved his motorcycles and snowmobiles, and riding roller coasters (even in his seventies!). He just loved the thrill and excitement! Dick enjoyed playing practical jokes on people and had a great sense of humor, even though he was mostly a very, quiet, laid back man, and a man of few words. He also enjoyed playing cards, dominoes, and word search books and puzzles. Mostly, he loved spending time with family and friends, especially his grandchildren.

He married Sylvia A. Thornton, his teenage sweetheart, on March 28, 1942.

Married for nearly 75 years, she died on March 16, 2017. In addition to his wife and parents, he was predeceased by his siblings, Homer and Carl Neahr, and Louise Sherman; and a great- grandson, Logan Wieland.

Survivors include seven children, Norman (Betty) Neahr, William (Debbie) Neahr, David (Pam) Neahr, and Terry (Ralph) Williams, all of Galway, Judith Bochenek-King of Ft. McCoy, FL, Gay Lynn (Ted) Meyers of Casper, WY, and Felicia (Bill) Scheiber of Rochester, NY; nineteen grandchildren; thirty one great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

Calling hours will be held on Wednesday from 4 – 6 pm at the Robert M. Halgas Funeral Home, Inc. 111 County Highway 106 (Corner of Route 29 & Black Street), Johnstown followed by a funeral service at 6pm with Rev. Dr. R.W. Williams, officiating. Cremation will be performed at Park View Crematorium, Schenectady. Final burial with military honors will be held at Barkersville Cemetery at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Assoc. or to Mountain Valley Hospice, both in care of the funeral home.

Previous Events

Calling Hours

NOV 6. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Halgas Funeral Home
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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Love Brian & Jenn purchased the Healing Tears - Lavender and White for the family of Howard Richard Neahr .



Love Brian & Jenn - November 06, 2019 at 09:17 AM



“ Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Howard Richard Neahr .



November 05, 2019 at 07:17 PM



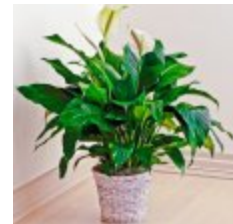
“ Red & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Howard Richard Neahr .



November 05, 2019 at 04:58 PM



“ Chipper & Jenny Bochenek, Woodbridge Va, purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Howard Richard Neahr .



Chipper & Jenny Bochenek, Woodbridge Va, - November 04, 2019 at 06:55 PM

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“ One of the things I remember about Dick was his love for fudge and cookies. He would look forward to me bringing them to him on his birthday/ Christmas and any other time of the year. He was a wonderful brother-in-law and we will all miss him.

Marge Gundersen - November 04, 2019 at 05:40 PM

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“ IT IS WITH OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO THE NEHR FAMILY AND FRIENDS AT THIS TIME OF LOSS OF A LOVED ONE.. OUR HEARTS AND PRAYERS GO OUT TO YOU. BE STRONG AND KNOW HE IS AT PEACE IN A BETTER PLACE.
WITH ALL OUR LOVE AND PRAYERS

JOHN & ROSE SHEPARD

JOHN & ROSE SHEPARD - November 04, 2019 at 03:07 PM

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“ I have many fond memories boating on the lake and riding snow mobiles also square dancing on Saturday nites with him and Sylvia

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