



## Neal H. Aye

January 2, 1933 - December 18, 2014

Neal H. Aye

Neal H. Aye, a long time and well known resident of Willow Springs unexpectedly passed away at his home Late Thursday afternoon, December 18th, 2014. Born January 2, 1933 to Ralph Eugene and Ethel Mabel (Riddle) Aye in Avalon, MO, he was 81 years old.

Neal was primarily raised outside Emporia, KS on the family farm where he loved to work and help his father with the daily chores of that life. When he turned 18 years of age, he joined the navy until he was discharged, only to re-enlist into the United States Air force where he served as a aircraft mechanic. While stationed in England, he met the love of his life, Mavis Harrison and the two were married on April 4th, 1959 in Leicester, where they began their family. The two moved back to the United States and lived in numerous states before finally settling in Willow Springs in 1971. Neal proudly and courageously served his country during both the Korean and Vietnam wars where he received many citations, commendations, and medals, including the purple heart when he was wounded in Vietnam, and finally retired in 1973.

Neal had many enjoyments in his life, however, he mostly enjoyed spending time with his family. They were everything to him. He had a special bond with his son, Dean. The two loved to work the cattle and farm together and even

built several barns and houses together. He was described as a very loving, kind, generous, and gentle man who would do anything that he could to help others in need, or who were less fortunate. He will be greatly missed by his family and all who knew him.

Neal was preceded in death by his parents; his brother Gene Aye, his sister Vera (Aye) Clatterbuck, and his brother Elvin Aye.

He is survived by his loving wife, Mavis of Willow Springs, his daughter Lorraine Aye of Ozark, MO; his son Dean Aye and his wife Mary of Mtn. View; and his most special granddaughter Jessica Aye of Mtn. View.

In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that memorial contributions be made in Neal's name to St. Jude Children's Hospital at <https://shop.stjude.org/GiftCatalog/donation.do?cID=14262&pID=24671> or MUNCH of Willow Springs.

# Tribute Wall

SM

“ I worked with him at the City of Willow Springs for a short time. Neal was a wonderful person. May he rest in peace. May his family find comfort in the Lord and find contentment in their special memories they will always have.

*Sharon Mickey*

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**Sharon Mickey** - January 09, 2015 at 12:43 PM

RH

“ Rachael And Phil Harrison lit a candle in memory of Neal H. Aye



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**rachael and phil harrison** - December 25, 2014 at 06:24 AM

DB

“ Neal has been our neighbor for many years. Our deepest sympathy to his family. Steve and Debbie Bryan



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**Debbie bryan** - December 22, 2014 at 03:24 PM

FA

“ Frank & Camille Andreas lit a candle in memory of Neal H. Aye



Frank & Camille Andreas - December 21, 2014 at 05:58 PM

FR

Neal was a very special and kind man.

Frank - December 21, 2014 at 06:01 PM

MM

“ Mike M. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Neal H. Aye.



Mike M. - December 19, 2014 at 01:44 PM

MI

“ Neal was truly a great man

Mike

Mike - December 19, 2014 at 12:27 PM