



Neil Raymond Monroe

May 14, 1940 - March 30, 2024

Neil Raymond Monroe died peacefully in Hendersonville, North Carolina on March 30, 2024 after a long illness. He was born on May 14, 1940 to Charles Andrew Monroe and Betty Louise Johnson Monroe in Boulder, Colorado. Neil graduated from Rutgers University with a bachelor's degree in philosophy and later a master's degree in social work. He then moved with his wife, Linda, and sons, Eric and David, to Hickory, North Carolina and started his professional career at the community mental health center. Neil spent his career largely in North Carolina where he taught at Lenoir-Rhyne University for a few years and primarily focused on his private practice as a clinical social worker and psychotherapist in Asheville and later in Hendersonville.

Two of Neil's sons, Eric and Will, preceded him in death. He is survived by sons David and Mark, and daughter Kara; grandsons Matthew and Joseph; former wives Linda, Janet and Laurie; sisters Carla Monroe-Posey and Gayle M. Goodwin, and by his younger brother, Philip, with whom he had a special bond.

Neil was a talented psychotherapist and dedicated to building close connections with family and friends. He loved his amateur radio, with handle "Whiskey 4 Zelda's Yellow Undies," spending long evenings chatting with other hams. For many years his BMW motorcycle was his pride and joy, and he would brag about taking it out on the highway for long "Iron Butt" rides.

Before his long illnesses he was a devoted congregant and vestry member at St. John's Episcopal Church in Asheville, assisting in communion and as a lay reader.

In retirement, Neil lived with dear friends Bill and Ruth Neugebauer in Hendersonville, who cared for him in his last illnesses. A memorial service will be held at 1:00 pm on Saturday, April 6, 2024 at St. John's Episcopal Church in Asheville, conducted by Rev. Joan Grant.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR 6. 1:00 PM (ET)

St John's Episcopal Church
290 Old Haw Creek Rd
Asheville, NC 28805
<https://www.stjohnsasheville.org/>

Tribute Wall

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“ *In loving memory of Neil, Dr Fontaine "Pete" & Nancy Campbell planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Neil Raymond Monroe.*

In loving memory of Neil, Dr Fontaine "Pete" & Nancy Campbell - April 05, 2024 at 03:52 PM

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“ *Bill and Ruth my prayers are with you and your family. Your love and care for Neil is what true friendship is. You have been faithful and supportive and dear devoted friends to him during his last years. I'm so grateful I had the pleasure to meet and chat with him a few times. He was a character. I know him more though through the stories y'all have shared with me and so I will think of him in those memories. His handsome smile is surely lighting up heaven now and I pray for peace and comfort for the two of you. Love, Kelly*

Kelly Cook - April 04, 2024 at 08:13 AM