



## Brian Jay Neal

November 2, 1968 - October 14, 2012

Brian Jay Neal, 43, of Bloomington, passed away Sunday due to injuries from a motorcycle accident. He was born on November 2, 1968 in Bloomington, IN, the son of Holland James Neal II and Rhea (Gill) Neal. Brian was a graduate of Bloomington High School North class of 1987. He had attended Indiana University and most recently Ivy Tech. Since 2004 Brian has been very active with the United States Navy Reserve. He spent two tours in Iraq and Afghanistan receiving several awards and medals for his service. He loved to serve his country. Brian worked for Hanna Xcavating. Brian was of the Christian faith. He was a member of the AMVETS Post 2000. Brian was a true gentleman; he was a very thoughtful and loving person. He loved muscle cars, motorcycles and anything with an engine and wheels. He was very adventurous and full of life. Brian is survived by his wife Jill Neal; four children Justin Tyler Hayes-Neal (Alicia), Mallory Christine Kinnaird (Jared), Brady Lane Neal and Brooklyn Renee Neal; three stepchildren Patrick Williams, Avery Neal and Ben Flake; his mother Rhea Neal; father Holland James Neal II (Anita Frantzen-Neal); brother Holland "James" Neal III; two grandchildren Aidan Micheal Hayes and Karson Jade Krebs; two nephews Jimmy Neal and Josh Neal; one great nephew Neaven Neal; grandmother Eileen Figg Neal; aunt Karen Schmidt; three uncles Dude

Terrell, Dale Terrell and Ronnie Terrell; two stepsisters Carmen Patterson and Kirsten McCammon and several cousins. Funeral services will be held 1:00 p.m. Thursday, October 18, 2012 at Allen Funeral Home with Larry Mitchell officiating. Burial will follow at Valhalla Memory Gardens with military rites conducted by the Veterans Honor Guard. Family will receive friends from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

# Tribute Wall

JE

“ My condolences are sent to the Neal Family. EO1 Neal was a very respected Shipmate and friend. May God Bless you all with the happy memories of EO1. ~HM1 Jennifer Fish (YN2, NOSC Indianapolis)

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**Jennifer Fish** - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

KI

“ I knew Brian for a short period of time while he was preparing for school. What I took from our conversations is that he loved his family and his friends, he loved serving his country and he always had a smile on his face. Brian was a genuinely nice person and my thoughts are with his family in this time of need.

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**Kimberly Bloodgood** - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

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“ My heart and prayers goes to your family. My heart sank when I found out. Brian and I made rank together and I had the experience to serve with a great and honorable man. He always kept his cool no matter what was going on and he always was talking about his family back home. If there is anything I can do let me know.

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**EO1 (SCW) Lukasik** - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

CF

“ Oh Jill I am so sorry for your loss, I did not read it in the paper until Thursday. My heart goes out to you and the kids. Brian was such a great guy and had the best smile now matter what was going on he could make a person smile. You will be in my thoughts and prayers Jill.

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**Chris Flynn** - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

DO

“ *My sympathy and condolences to the family, I have just learned that Brian had lost his life. I was Brian's history professor at Ivy Tech in the Veteran's history class. Brian was a positive influence in the class, a good student, and the world will be a poorer place without his influence. I did not have the privilege to know Brian well, but I could tell he was a good man and that is a quality to be treasured in these times.*

*I am very sorry for your loss.*

*Sincerely,  
Donn Hall  
Professor of History  
Ivy Tech Bloomington*

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**Donn Hall** - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

JF

“ *Brooklyn and Family,*

*We are saddened to hear of your loss. Please know we are thinking of you and keeping you in our prayers. May you find some comfort in God and in the memories of your dad.*

*Prayers to you all,  
Jarrod Robbins & Family*

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**Jarrod Robbins & Family** - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

AN

“ Brooklyn,

*We just found out about your dad. Our hearts were broken. We wanted to let you know that your family is in our prayers. May God be with you and your family in a special way.*

*Amy (Nathan's mom) and Nathan Jones*

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**Amy and Nathan Jones** - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

JJ

“ *My son and I send out our thoughts and prayers to all of Brian Neal's family and friends. May the Lord continue to comfort you in your time of sorrow and bless you with hopes of seeing him in Heaven.*

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**Joseph de Jesus** - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

TS

“ *My sincere condolences to EO1 Neal's entire family. So many will miss him but I would like to tell Justin and Mallory that I am thinking of the two of you especially. I know your father because I served with him. I know your mother Chrissy and your grandparents Gary and Becky. I am guessing he was visiting out that way on Sunday. He always loved Becky and Gary. I know. He told me. He loved you kids too. So sorry to hear of your loss.*

*LS2(EXW) Terri Sue Hudson*

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**Terri Sue Hudson** - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

LI

“ Dear Ben and Family,  
So sorry to hear of your step-dad's accident. You're in my prayers.  
Mrs. Scott

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**Linda Scott** - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

TA

“ So sorry to hear about Brian. Knew him as a kid living next door to my Grandma Arthur. He was such a great guy. We all need more like him in our lives. Will miss you greatly!!

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**Tammy Robertson** - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

DP

“ Jim and family,

We were so sorry to hear of your loss. Know that we are thinking of you and your family during this difficult time.

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**Doug & Julie Prather** - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

CK

“ Justin & Alica  
Sorry to hear of your loss. I will keep you all in our prayers.  
Love,  
Chris & Keith Long

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**Chris & Keith Long** - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

QL

“ I served with EO1 with NCHB-7 and deployed with him. He was always so pleasant to be around and very helpful. I want to give my condolences to his family. Shipmate may you rest in peace.

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**QM2 (EXW) Lopez** - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

CC

“ To Jill and your family, I served with Brian in Afghanistan. He helped me in so many ways and was always a great guy to talk with. I am shocked to hear of this news and am praying for him, you, and your family.

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**Cole Cappello** - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

TC

“ My heart broke when Connor came home with the news of his classmates father's passing. Our hearts go out to you in your time of sorrow. You have our deepest sympathies on the death of Brian. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you during this tragic time.

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**Tim & Carrie Harris** - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

DE

“ I wish to send my best regards to The Neal family EO1 was a great man I had the privilege of serving on his team in Afghanistan he acted almost as a mentor to me giving me someone to talk to during deployment and reside in being a younger shipmate. I will miss him and his devotion to helping others he was a great man. Rest in peace brother

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**Destine McClafin** - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

JO

“ My thoughts and prayers are with my cousins Brady and Brooklyn and the rest of the family im so sorry for your loss he was a great person and will be missed badly but still will always be family rest in peace Brian

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**joey wiles** - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

BR

“ To the family of EO1 Brian Neal. My thoughts and prayers are with you. I served with Brian on his deployment last year. We shared many stories. Always made people laugh with stories and always talked highly of his family. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Rest easy my friend. To the family, his military family will always be here for you. You are their family, you can always count on them to help you out.

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**Brian Betts** - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

DM

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with you and your family.

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**Dawn Myers** - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

SF

“ so sorry for your loss jill, our hearts and prayers r with you. if u need anything sweetie let us know.

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**shelley fender** - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

JE

“ Jill, I worked with Brian at Keller Heating a couple years ago. He was such a great guy with a kind heart. My heart goes out to you and your family. You're in my prayers. He will be sadly missed.  
*Jennie Jean*

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**Jennie Jean** - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

AK

“ *Jill,  
I worked with you on Critical care a few years ago. I am so sorry for your loss. I cannot fathom what you are going through right now. You are a strong woman and you will get through this tough time. You and your family are in my thoughts.*

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**Amanda Kersey** - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

JA

“ *My heart pours to Brian and his family. I looked up to to him greatly and will miss his intellect and humor. I am proud to have served with him--he made the Navy a better place. He made me a better person. Bless you all and know that his Navy family is always here if you need us.*

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**Jamie Richards** - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

BO

“ *TO,BRIAN`S,FAMILY  
WE ARE VERY SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS, OUR PRAYERS GO  
OUT TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY. BOB LISA MCDONALD*

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**BOB MCDONALD** - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

JO

“ Brian,

*Some men leave their mark by saying great things, writing great works, or building great buildings. You left yours with the legacy of your children and the example you have given them and all of us who have served with you. Thank you for that example and for the time you shared with me in the mountains along the Pakistan/Afghanistan border. It wasn't enough to good at what you do, which you were; or to be willing to accomplish the mission no matter what, which we did. You taught us character as we ate Christmas Dinner beside the Afghans from a shared bowl. We saw dedication when you volunteered to work through the night so we could protect the Afghans in their remote location. We saw honor in the way you mentored the younger Seabee's, and we saw a friend EVERY TIME we saw each other. I can't wait to see you again friend. Fair Winds and Following Seas*

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**John Kroll** - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

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“ EO1 was a great man and I am proud to have served with him. My sincere thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends in this horribly difficult time. God bless.

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**BU3 Runyon** - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

AS

“ I couldn't believe it when I read your obituary, you are a great person and you will be missed. Rest peacefully, and my deepest sympathy to the Neal family.  
Asata Smith

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**Asata Smith** - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM



“ *Jill, you and Brian's family are in my thoughts.* ”

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**Cindy Arnold** - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM