



## Ronnie Joe Neal

December 12, 1963 - July 27, 2021

Ronnie “Joe” Neal was born on December 12, 1963 and according to his brothers, he was an instant momma’s boy and caretaker. He spent his childhood in Bartlesville, Oklahoma riding bikes with his brothers on the motorcycle trails and around town. They worked the newspaper routes and got really good at traveling through the snow and ice and saving money for the pinball machines. They eventually traded bicycles for motorcycles. Joe is still known as the guy who pulled the clutch in, throttled, and dumped the clutch and had a motorcycle take off without him, leaving him on the ground. The laughs and memories continued through Little League and family baseball games.

Joe traded his ‘67 Camaro for a family car when his first child, Samantha, was born. He cried tears of joy and was 100% invested in the life as a dad. A perfect trio was formed when his son, Brandon was born next. It wasn’t long before he was showing them the love of cars, camping and long drives listening to “Classic Rock” and old country.

In 1999, he followed his children to Grove. He took over a photography business where he established “Neal Studio,” he got to use his Associates Degree in Art and Graphic design, explore his artistic abilities and he “captured many hearts.”

After leaving Grove, he joined his brother, Danny, in the plumbing business. This struck the chord for working on buildings which gave him the opportunity to learn and become naturally skilled at rural construction and woodworking.

He remodeled his metal home several times for creativity and enjoyment. In addition to remodeling his home, he spent time investing in old cars and restoring them. His nephew knew when Uncle Joe brought in a new car that he would be playing mosaic puzzles with him for the next few hours until his car lot got situated.

He spent the last five years of his life fulfilling the role as the “best” papa ever and antagonist to his son-in-law, Josiah. His granddaughter, Raegan, enjoyed drawing, painting, and long walks sitting on Papa’s shoulders. They would often cuddle and watch TV together. His grandsons, William (Will) and Gideon (Gid) enjoyed building Hot Wheels tracks and going to car shows with their papa.

Joe loved staying close to family and friends because he desired taking care of others. He was easy to talk to and hang out with. He loved making up his own rules to game nights and to life. He told his daughter once, “You can always make more money, you can’t make more time.”

Ronnie Joe Neal joined his mother, father and siblings in Heaven on Tuesday, July 27, 2021. He was predeceased by his Father, Doy Neal, his Mother, Reva Smith, his older brother, Danny Neal, his little sister, Connie Neal and joined the gates with step-father, Dennis Smith.

He is lovingly remembered as the “best brother,” by Donnie Neal and his wife Donna Neal. He will always be remembered as the best father by Samantha Davis, her husband Josiah Davis, and Brandon Neal; the best papa to Raegan Neal, William Davis, and Gideon Davis; the best Uncle Joe to many nieces and nephews; and best friend to all who knew him.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers a letter be written to his children/grandchildren sharing your favorite memory of Joe. Online tributes can be posted at [www.nicholsfuneralandcremation.com](http://www.nicholsfuneralandcremation.com) Donations in Joe’s memory may be made to the Ronald McDonald House.

Memorial services will be at 2pm Sunday, August 8, 2021 at Nichols-Stephens

Chapel.

Arrangements entrusted to Nichols Stephens Funeral & Cremation Services.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

AUG 8. 2:00 PM (CT)

Nichols-Stephens Funeral and Cremation Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Ronnie Joe Neal*

October 04, 2023 at 03:23 PM



“ *Uncle Joe will be greatly missed. He would do anything for his family. When my dad had brain surgery and had to have his head shaved, Uncle Joe also shaved his head at dad's benefit to help earn money for his medical expenses; I would say that I couldn't believe he let all that glorious hair go, but I could, because that's the kind of person he was. He was always trying to help someone else, always putting someone else first.*

*These pictures are from one of the last nights we spent together; we posed as Thor and each of us had a Thor-like name. Only Joe could get me to put a metal bowl on my head and pose with a hammer as JaHen! Him and dad threw the book at Jake and I in dominoes, we talked all the smack and I stayed up WAY past my bedtime. It really was the perfect night just shooting the breeze.*

*We have had a few more sonic drinks and games of dominoes in his memory this last week. Our children have heard many Uncle Joe stories too. I'm especially grateful that my boys will have their own stories to tell; he was always ready to rough house with them or put them in their place, whichever was needed in the moment! I will cherish all my memories; never do we think in the moment that this could be the last time in one another's presence. Gone too soon, but never forgotten Uncle Joe. In another time, a happier place, we'll meet again.*



Jennifer L - August 05, 2021 at 11:30 PM

GR

*I knew you as Neal Photography. The really good photographer with a smooth warm extremely likable personality to match. It is with saddened heart I just now know of your passing. Your warm spirit will make heaven a brighter place. Yours was the only photography studio I ever paid to patronize of my own free will. Even though I barely knew you, it was as though you were an old friend. Peace to you.*

Greg - September 06, 2023 at 09:03 AM

LH

*“ I have so so many stories I could share. Here is one....When my son Dusty got married, Joe was his photographer. They actually changed their wedding date so he could be there. Wouldn't have anyone else. When we got to the reception the DJ did not show. So Joe did double duty as photographer and DJ. He was just like that. He would do anything he could for anyone. Love him like he is family. He is in this picture with my hubby Bill at the wedding.*



LeeAnn Holt - August 05, 2021 at 03:12 PM



*“ Peaceful Wishes was purchased for the family of Ronnie Joe Neal.*



August 04, 2021 at 06:20 PM

LA

“ When I was in labor with our baby I had severe back labor. Joe was complaining about his back and this nurse standing next to him lightly thumped him in the head, she looked at me and then him and said that was from your baby's momma..Needless to say he didn't .complain with the next one.

*I loved to watch him draw and always amazed me how he turned a mushroom into a lamborghini from a drawing. Grateful for the time we had with him. RIP. my first, last, and only husband.*

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**Laura** - August 03, 2021 at 02:04 PM



“ Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Pink and White was purchased for the family of Ronnie Joe Neal.



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August 02, 2021 at 04:51 PM

JN

“ This is one of the last times I got to spend with you. I am so thankful we had this night. I'll never forget you wrongfully explaining dominos, or your attempt at being Thor/Jahore with your battle helmet and hammer. I have so many fond memories of you Uncle Joe, but my favorite is how loving and playful you were to my children. I think they seen such a strong resemblance with you and my father that they instantly took to you. It all still does not seem real. We love you Uncle Jiggly Joey.



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**Jake Neal** - August 02, 2021 at 02:37 PM