



Phyllis Neace

July 11, 1942 - April 15, 2026

IN MEMORY OF:

Phyllis Neace

Serving Location:

CRAIN PLEASANT GROVE-MURDALE FUNERAL HOME

31 Memorial Drive, Murphysboro, Illinois

Phyllis Neace, age 83 of Murphysboro, IL, went to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Wednesday, April 15. We know she was told "Well done good and faithful servant" and we can imagine the light in her eyes as she was greeted and held by her Lord.

She was born on July 11, 1942 to Ray and Bertie Ripley in Desoto Illinois. She had two brothers, Kenney and Merrill Ripley and a sister, Vivian Marks.

She was married to her best friend for 65 years, Noah Hobert Neace. Their special friendship began as young children living as next door neighbors. In all those years they only dated each other. She loved her two daughters, Kathy Keeling and Laura Vancil and she adored their husbands, Rick and Danny. She also adored her grandchildren and her two great-grandchildren, Joshua

(Donna) and Journey, Jordan (Erin) and Noah and Julia (Marco). She was blessed to have many friends and relatives that adored her and they said she would do anything in this world for them. She also enjoyed writing and shared many of her stories on Facebook.

Phyllis was the chief clerk in the General Accounting office at Southern Illinois University for 25 years.

She retired in November 2000. She decided that sitting at home was not for her so she decided to work part time as a Church Secretary at the Presbyterian Church in Murphysboro for the next 21 years and then retired again at 81 years old. She enjoyed working and helping any person that came her way.

Funeral Services will be held on Monday, April 20, 2026 at 1:00 PM with Rev. Robert Neace officiating at Crain Pleasant Grove – Murdale Funeral Home. Visitation will be held prior to the service from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM at the funeral home.

Interment will follow the service at Murdale Gardens of Memory.

There will not be a dinner after the service.

The family has requested that in lieu of flowers memorials be sent to St. Jude Children's Hospital in which she has been faithfully donating to for many years.

Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Murdale Gardens of Memory

137 Murdale Gardens Rd
Murphysboro, IL 62966
(618) 687-1145
crain@crainsonline.com

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 20. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (cst)

Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home - Old 13
31 Memorial Dr.
Murphysboro, IL 62966
(618) 687-2500
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Funeral Service

APR 20. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (cst)

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Interment

APR 20. 1:45 PM - 2:15 PM (cst)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Laura n family,you have our deepest sympathy.your mom was a very sweetlady. Praying for you all,Lean on the every Lasting arms of Jesus, R.I.P. Phyllis,until we all meet àgain,oh what a day of reconing that will be Much love n Prayers to all. Berta n Charley*

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