



Neil Edward Shotka

January 22, 1936 - November 7, 2023

Neil Edward Shotka, 87 years old, passed away November 7, 2023, in Richton, MS peacefully at his home. Neil was born January 22, 1936, in Michigan to William and Josephine Shotka. He had two children: daughter Claudia and son Kurt, two grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. Neil resided in Poplarville, MS with his loving life partner Carolyn until her passing in the early 2000's, he then moved to Richton, MS. He owned and operated his own trucking company for many years. Neil was a proud veteran who served his country. He was a member of the lodge in Ovett, MS and enjoyed sharing coffee with his crowd at Tater's in Richton, MS. Neil was one of the good ones and is already missed by so many, he was always ready to lend a helping hand to those in need.

A memorial service will be held later.

Tribute Wall

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“ Neil came to our small community in the early 2000s, my husband and myself welcomed him to the area and became good friends right away. We enjoyed his story telling of his life and strong beliefs in politics, and family. We shared many holidays together since he was alone, he was always welcomed in our home and in our extended family members homes as well. We will all miss him and for each of us he will always hold a special place in our hearts.

Rhonda and Marion Krzanak - November 12, 2023 at 10:14 AM

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“ My name is Tessa Meadows and I'm an addict in recovery (have been for 4 yrs). I met Mr. Neil at Perry County Sheriff's Office in 2016/2017. He was working as the jailer at the time. When I was released I started working at the local gas station where he came in for coffee, breakfast or lunch so managed to stay in touch. After about a year, I fell back into addiction and wound up going back to jail. So in 2019 I was sentenced to 3 to 5 yrs on Drug Court. Started working back at the same gas station and we picked right back up. We became really good friends but I honestly considered him family. He attended the graduation ceremony. A lot of people wasn't sure how to take Neil because of his sternness. Me in the other hand, loved the fact that he was straight up and didn't mind telling you what was on his mind. I will cherish the memory of him forever.

Tessa Meadows - November 10, 2023 at 03:34 PM