



Neil Vause

June 17, 1984 - May 22, 2023

Neil came into our world on June 17, 1984, a couple of weeks before we were ready! His grandparents, Betty and Louis Vause and Hugh and Ruby Nelle Cowser, were beside themselves to welcome their first grandson. Neil, whose full name was Edward McNeill Vause, was named after his Uncle Eddie. They loved each other dearly. His middle name was from his maternal great-grandmother's family.

Growing up, Neil loved sports, church activities, the Ole Miss Rebels, Scouts and wrestling. Neil was especially happy to have earned his Eagle Scout award in 2002 after many years of camping, hiking and learning life skills and values. He was a good student and graduated from Germantown High School in 2003. He attended Ole Miss and received his degree in psychology from the University of Memphis. After working for a few years, he earned a Masters in counseling from Walden University. He worked at Mental Health Resources in Memphis as an IOP Counselor. He truly enjoyed what he did and the people he worked with. He truly had a gift for helping people in need and believed he was making a difference every day.

As an adult, Neil enjoyed hiking to the Mount LeConte summit, camping and going to the lake. He had a passion for Ole Miss Sports, Memphis sports and the Grizzlies. He loved watching suspense filled shows while cooking his next "complicated" and decadent dishes for dinner. He adored his Niece and

nephew and would sit on the floor for hours and play restaurant and makeover. He enjoyed family and friends his entire life. He continued to make friends wherever he went and never met a stranger. Neil's smile was infectious.

Neil leaves his parents Gene and Mary Nelle Vause and his sister Betsy Vause Smith and her husband Sean. Also, he will be truly missed by his nephew Cooper Wilcox Smith and niece Mary Grace Smith. He truly loved being with and playing with his family.

He also leaves his Aunt Patti Vause Dixon and her husband Les, Uncle Edward Vause, Uncle Hugh Cowsert, Aunty Betty Cowsert Simmons and her husband Bill. Also, cousins Anna Vause Sledge (Allen), Laura Simmons McMaster (Ron), and Maggie Simmons Miller (Andy) and Sarah Cowsert Thomas (Johnathon).

There were also numerous other Wilcox and Vause cousins who will miss him.

All who knew him and crossed his path will miss Neil. He was a much-loved son, brother, an uncle and a true friend to all.

Tribute Wall

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“ I am thankful for so many wonderful memories from my childhood with the Vause family, and I will miss Neil. I am especially grateful for the quality time I spent with Neil through Colonial Park UMC youth group activities, especially the Colorado ski trip and Service Over Self. Sending lots of love to all who called Neil a dear friend.

Patty Mills - May 28, 2023 at 11:48 PM

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“ Neil was a kind soul who cared so much about his role as a counselor. I am so glad I worked with him at MHR. He was reliable, committed, and always helpful. I miss him now and will miss him for a long time to come. My deepest sympathy goes to his personal friends, family members, and colleagues.

Kim McCaskill - May 28, 2023 at 12:07 AM

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“ I remember when Neil came to work for MHR. He was such a special person and a kind compassionate therapist. He will be greatly missed by both his clients and colleagues. It was an honor to know him. Debra Fitzgerald

Debra Fitzgerald - May 27, 2023 at 09:36 AM



“ Neil was a sweet child who became a wonderful man. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Deborah Flack - May 27, 2023 at 08:22 AM