



# Thomas Michael Neeley

February 3, 1945 - October 6, 2024

Thomas Michael Neeley, 79, of Columbus, Ohio, passed away peacefully on the evening of October 6th, 2024. He was surrounded by family and friends.

Tom was born to Harold and Virginia Neeley on February 3rd, 1945, in Columbus, Ohio. His parents have preceded him in passing, as well as his beloved sister, Diana Neeley Beaver.

After high school, Tom enlisted in the United States Navy and served four years on active duty aboard the USS Franklin D. Roosevelt. He had many stories to share about this time in his life. He was very proud of his service and the life experience it brought him.

Tom will be remembered as a loving father, committed partner, talented tradesman, and a source of humor and insight. He had a wonderful ability to make any situation cheerful and funny. He had a wealth of building and repair knowledge that became advice given during long conversations with his son. He was a fantastic teacher, and it gave him great joy to spend countless hours working on cars, motorcycles, and remodeling homes with his son there to learn from him.

Tom was also very proud of his sobriety. He had been sober from alcohol for over forty years. In that time, he had helped many other men gain the strength to overcome their addiction to alcohol. Tom maintained this critical way of life through good times and bad times, showing his true commitment to the things and people that matter most in life.

Saturdays in the fall will never be the same. One of Toms favorite past times was watching his beloved Ohio State Buckeyes. Growing up and living most of his life in the Columbus area, he was a lifelong fan. Watching the Buckeyes gave him equal parts excitement and frustration, but he would faithfully tune in the next Saturday with a smile on his face.

He is survived by his son, Clint; his sister, Cheri Autry; his favorite niece, Natalie Crane; his cousin, Janet Robertson; his longtime companion, Mary Alice Linden, and countless

other loving family and friends.

He will be missed, but never forgotten. His fun and energetic demeanor lives on in the eyes of his grandson, Wesley Neeley.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *He was always a gentleman with kindness showing through his eyes.* ”



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**Linda Narney** - October 20, 2024 at 12:02 AM