



## Andrew J. Neal Sr.

January 22, 1954 - August 2, 2024

Andrew Joseph Neal, Sr., 70, of Old Town, Florida passed away unexpectedly on August 2, 2024 surrounded by his loving family. He was born January 22, 1954 to the late John and Josephine Neal in Boston MA.

Andrew grew up in Maryland and Cape Cod, Massachusetts. When he was 18, he gave his heart to the Lord and never looked back. He married Deborah Lou Eiker in 1975 and they went on to travel around the country ministering to others and sharing the gospel. They settled in Horseshoe Beach, Florida where they lived until Deb's passing in 1993. Andrew was so honored to be the father of five sons and one daughter whom he delivered. After Deb's passing, he and the children moved to Cape Cod where he built the property management business AJN Property Management Group. In 2006 Andrew retired to Maine and it was there that he met his wife, Erika. They married in 2007 and lived in the mountains of Maine where they worked side by side to build their homestead. Andrew's love for travel and ministry did not diminish as he grew older so he and Erika built in a sprinter van that became their home while on the road. They traveled the country visiting their friends and sharing their hearts and hands with those they came into contact with. His passion for serving others was unparalleled; in fact, he bought a tractor and tiller just to till gardens for others who might want to grow their own food. He offered his services in Maine and again when moving to Old Town in 2022. Andrew never met a stranger and had an amazing way of making every

person feel like they were his best friend. One of his favorite things to say was, "You matter to me and you're not just matter." He will be sorely missed by all those who knew and loved him.

Andrew is survived by his beloved wife Erika Neal, siblings Anita Doucette (John), Bruce Neal, Karin Foltz (Jim), his children Joshua Neal, Andrew Neal Jr., James Neal (Serena), John Neal (Carla Mae), Catherine Neal, and Peter Neal (Sarah), 20 grandchildren: Maya, Caleb, Kyler, Asa, Hayden, Eva, Ethan, Abraham, Elliott, Lydia, Shiloh, Theodore, Willow, Erin, Devorah, Hazen, William, Ivin, Wesley, and Edward and other extended family members. He was preceded in death by his mother Josephine Riley, his father John Neal, his wife Deborah Neal, and his brother John Neal.

Funeral Services for Andrew will be held 11:00 AM Saturday, August 10, 2024 at the Rick Gooding Funeral Home Cross City Chapel, with Pastor Rocky Bray officiating. Interment will follow at Butler Cemetery in Horseshoe Beach. The family will receive friends at the funeral home one hour prior to the service. A luncheon will follow at New Beginnings Church in Cross City.

Arrangements have been placed under the care of the Rick Gooding Funeral Home Cross City Chapel, with locations in Cross City 352-498-5400 and Chiefland 352-493-0050. Please sign the online guest book at [rickgoodingfuneralhomes.com](http://rickgoodingfuneralhomes.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Butler Cemetery

217 sw 446 street  
Horseshoe Beach, FL 32648

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 10. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Rick Gooding Funeral Home Cross City  
16984 SE Hwy 19  
PO Box 1208  
Cross City, FL 32628

## Funeral Service

AUG 10. 11:00 AM (ET)

Rick Gooding Funeral Home Cross City Chapel  
16984 SE Hwy 19  
Cross City, FL 32628

# Tribute Wall



“ Rick Gooding Funeral Homes created a Webcast in memory of Andrew J. Neal Sr.



Rick Gooding Funeral Homes - August 10, 2024 at 02:54 PM

DP

*A beautiful service , he would be so proud of you all . Thank you for sharing it with us all that couldn't be there . Many blessings to you all .. keep sharing his memories and his stories . Rest in peace Andrew*

dawna Pond - August 10, 2024 at 11:14 PM

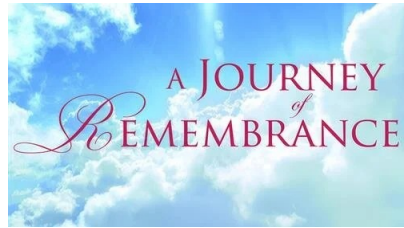
AL

*I loved the memorial service for my dear brother Andrew ❤️ . I would have liked to be there in person to see and hug everyone 😊 . All the pictures in the memorial tribute were such a blessing and brings back so many fond memories . Much love and many blessings to all of Andrew's children and extended family and his precious wife Erika . So thankful for the blessed hope of eternal life with Jesus . So it's not good bye but rather see you later 😊 .  
With love and appreciation , Alan Larson .*

Alan Larson - August 11, 2024 at 04:01 AM



“ Rick Gooding Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Andrew J. Neal Sr.



Rick Gooding Funeral Homes - August 09, 2024 at 04:29 PM



*Absolutely Beautiful*

joan Derby Lynch - August 10, 2024 at 06:50 AM



“ Me and Andrew Neal met in the 80s..we were at the church at Horseshoe Beach Florida. Pastor James Butler. We were part of a awesome group of Believers apart of the Denominational systems. Me and Andrew went on some fish deliveries together to Jacksonville, Florida in his little diesel truck..also he sold me a yellow Chevy truck on payments..many years later Andrew Neal helped me out in a financial aid..which was very kind of him.i will always remember that..we didn't see eye to eye on everything..but I have fond memories of Andrew. God Bless

David Sumrell - August 11, 2024 at 03:59 PM



“ Gloria Gilbert lit a candle in memory of Andrew Neal



Gloria Gilbert - August 10, 2024 at 09:32 AM



“ 110 files added to the album Life Tributes



Rick Gooding Funeral Homes - August 09, 2024 at 11:45 AM



“ Kindergarten Team purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Andrew J. Neal Sr..



Kindergarten Team - August 09, 2024 at 10:19 AM



“ Kindergarten Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Andrew Neal.

Kindergarten Team - August 09, 2024 at 10:19 AM



“ Jill & Rob Hart purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Andrew J. Neal Sr..



Jill & Rob Hart - August 09, 2024 at 06:13 AM

JH

“ Jill & Rob Hart planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Andrew J. Neal Sr..

Jill & Rob Hart - August 09, 2024 at 06:13 AM



“ Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Andrew J. Neal Sr..



August 08, 2024 at 04:54 PM

LF

“ Love Scott, Debbie Varley and family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Andrew J. Neal Sr..



Love Scott, Debbie Varley and family - August 08, 2024 at 12:26 PM

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“ Love Scott, Debbie Varley and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Andrew Neal.

Love Scott, Debbie Varley and family - August 08, 2024 at 12:26 PM

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“ *Once a Team Always a Team purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Andrew J. Neal Sr..*



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**Once a Team Always a Team** - August 07, 2024 at 09:17 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Andrew J. Neal Sr..*



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August 07, 2024 at 08:41 PM

JL

“ *I'm so shocked as everyone is, with tears it is hard to say anything but Andy and I go way back. In between his travels across country, he and Deborah would come home to the Cape and Andrew always came to visit me and tell me about him and Deborah's journeys. Life had definitely changed for Andrew. He found peace at that time with the Lord. Then I got to be with him and meet the kids, when Deborah passed, which was a very sad time . Then he was busy raising the kids on the Cape finding his way without Deb. And then he bought a Traveling bus owned by Randy Travis. He chartered his bus for a wedding party is where Ericka came in. Again I was so lucky when Andrew and Ericka would come to the Cape. We always went out to lunch and I got to know Ericka. And how happy Andrew was they both had a special special love. So for not knowing what to say, I said plenty. He was a good friend and I'll miss him. Wish I could be there for the service. I'll be thinking of you all on Saturday. Hugs to you Ericka and all the family.*

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**joan Derby Lynch** - August 07, 2024 at 08:10 AM

LL

“ Erika is my stepmom. She is a beautiful soul who helped shape me into who I am proud to be today. She was an integral part in my upbringing, and really the calm in my storm. To know Erika, is to know love, kindness, patience and pureness. I met Andy only once, at Jen and Frankie's wedding. He was all smiles with red, warm cheeks and from his laugh, I knew that he was someone who could compliment all Erika is. My family also being from Cape Cod, knew of Andy and have told me what an amazing person and man he truly is. I just thank him for being with my Erika, taking care of her, loving her the way she deserves and giving her the family she should be surrounded by. I am so deeply saddened by the news of his passing. What a shock, and a sadness to come over our family for her. Our hearts and prayers are with her during this time and to his family; children and grandchildren, what a huge loss, and we hope time is kind for the healing process. I hope he rests in comfort and until everyone is together again, may he watch over and protect his love ones as I know he will. Sending love and healing.

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Lindsey Leonard - August 07, 2024 at 07:57 AM

YW

“ Erika and Family,  
I am so very sorry for your loss. May you all find peace and comfort in knowing that Andrew has gone to be with Jesus. I will always remember the Sundays he would come to the Kingfield United Methodist Church, Kingfield, ME, to share worship and bring a very meaning message when he preached, often times Erika would join us, the times he would stop by the United Methodist Economic Ministry/ Salem ME, to share a hug and spread the Good Word with me, and get food from the pantry to share with those he knew could use some. I am so blessed to have known him. In God's Love,  
Yvonne Woodcock

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Yvonne Woodcock - August 06, 2024 at 08:39 PM