



Neil D. Yake

March 23, 1954 - January 12, 2011

Neil D. Yake passed away January 12, 2011 in Newcastle, Australia due to complications from pneumonia. He was traveling in the country with Peabody Energy in his position of Director of Engineering for Surface Operations. Neil was born in Bluffton, Indiana on March 23, 1954 to Robert and Erma (Skomp) Yake. He was a 1972 graduate of Central High School, and received his Bachelor of Science degree from Purdue University in December of 1976. He began his career with Peabody Coal immediately thereafter and served in various positions for 34 years.

Neil married his wife Sue on August 16, 1975. They were blessed with the births of their children, Jessica Autumn and Justin Neil. He was "Pop" to four grandchildren who brought joy and pleasure to his life: Abraham Neil Holtsclaw, Boone Abe Holtsclaw, Joseph Neil Yake and Wyatt Nicholas Yake. Making his family complete were his son-in-law Jarrod Holtsclaw and daughter-in-law Melissa (Ortman) Yake.

He is also survived by his mother, Erma Hensley, mother-in-law Lucille Strange, and siblings Robert Yake, Phyllis (Jerry) Brown, John (Brenda) Strange and Doug (Kim) Strange.

A celebration of life will be held at Tulip Church of God in Bloomfield, Indiana on Saturday, January 22, 2011 at 1:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that any memorials be sent to the First Baptist Church Food Pantry, 500 Lincoln Drive, Bloomfield, Indiana 47424.

Tribute Wall

RA

“ Seeing Neil Christmas Eve was the first time I think I saw him in several years.
It is so hard to believe the playmate I had down the street so many year ago is gone. I will never forget him or the Yake family. Bobby use to call me "Short Pants".
My prayers are God give all of you the strength to meet each day.
God bless all of you.

Roger Axe - January 26, 2011 at 05:02 PM

DM

“ Jessica, Jared, Sue, and Family- We are very sorry for your family's loss. Please know that you all will be in our thoughts and prayers that memories will bring you great comfort.

Darren and Michele McDonald - January 21, 2011 at 08:43 AM

SS

“ Susie, I'm so sorry to hear of your husband's passing. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Sincerely, Sharon Thompson Scrogam

Sharon Thompson Scrogam - January 19, 2011 at 06:47 PM

MS

“ Irma I wanted you to know I am thinking of you and sending love and prayers.

Mae Hugunin Stuffle - January 18, 2011 at 10:33 PM

LC

“ Sue and family, I wanted to express my deepest sympathy at your loss. My prayers are with your family.
Lisa(Byers)Coffey

Lisa (Byers) Coffey - January 18, 2011 at 10:17 AM

CS

“ Susie: My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I will be praying for you this coming week. And for your mother, I have a special place in my heart for her. God bless you.

Carolyn Oliphant Suniga - January 18, 2011 at 08:34 AM

DN

“ Sue, Sorry to hear about your loss. We will be thinking about you.*David and Judy Norman*

david norman - January 17, 2011 at 07:45 PM

MS

“ So so sorry to hear of your loss. May your family and loved ones be a comfort to you at this time.

Marilyn Organ Sullivan - January 17, 2011 at 07:41 PM

HC

“ Sue and Family: With sincere and heartfelt sympathy in your time of sorrow.
Harold and Sara

Harold and Sara Chaney - January 17, 2011 at 05:41 PM

LS

“ *May God comfort & give you all peace.I'm very sorry for your loss.Know there are many prayers for your family. Liz Baird Shidler.*

Liz Baird Shidler - January 17, 2011 at 04:21 PM

JG

“ *I am so sorry for your loss Sue and family. You are in our prayers and thoughts. Mike and Judy Griffith*

Judy Griffith - January 17, 2011 at 09:42 AM