



## Walter Joe Neidhardt

July 5, 2013

Neidhardt

Walter Joe Neidhardt, recently of Dublin, Ohio, died peacefully early Friday morning, 5 July 2013, with his family at his side. Joe was born March 5, 1929, and grew up in Spencerville, OH, graduating from Spencerville High School in 1947, and from Ohio Northern University in 1951. Joe was preceded in death by his parents Walter John and Anne Oressa (Berry) Neidhardt and his sister Lt. Col. Nell Jean Neidhardt, USAF (ret.), as well as by his adored and loving wife of nearly 60 years, Rev. Donna (Iler) Neidhardt. He is survived by his sons Neil (Nanette) Neidhardt of Ostrander, OH, and Ned (Lisa) Neidhardt of Los Angeles, CA; and daughters, Laurie (John) Sullivan (Los Angeles), Lisa Cook (Columbus), and Linda Neidhardt (Upper Arlington). Joe was the proud grandfather of Lauren Oressa Neidhardt (Brooklyn, NY), John and Daniel Sullivan (Los Angeles), and Jessica Miller (Davidson College, Davidson, NC); and faithful companion, Maggie. He also touched the lives of the many dear friends he made over the past year at Trillium Place. Joe was a road and bridge builder, both in his long career as a Civil Engineer, as well as in his life of service to his family, his church, his community, and his profession. As his father had before him, he took his charge from Isaiah, to "make the rough places smooth and the crooked places straight," and served as an engineer in significant work with the United States Air Force, V. N. Holderman & Sons, R. W. Wander, and Kokosing Construction companies. Ubiquitous and peripatetic, Joe lent his talents to the rest of us through his service to the

widest range of causes and interests: the Franklin County Board of Education; the Central Ohio Joint Vocational School Board of Education; UNIGLOBE Travel; the Ohio Society of Professional Engineers; the Builders Exchange of Central Ohio; the Ohio Contractors Association; the Columbus Area Chamber of Commerce; as a blood and platelet donor and volunteer with the American Red Cross; as a reader with the Central Ohio Radio Reading Service; as a Precinct Judge for the Franklin County Board of elections; with Riverside Methodist Church; the Dublin Community Church; the Infrastructure Project for the Development Committee of Greater Columbus; the State Underground Parking Commission; as Manager of Accessibility Improvements for COSI; as organizer of the Martin Luther King Day celebrations for Dublin, Ohio; as a sponsoring Host Family for international graduate students at The Ohio State University; with the Cum Christo and KAIROS ministries; with Strader's Garden Centers and the Master Gardeners of Delaware County; the Alzheimer's Association (throughout our mother's long illness); and as the strongest possible recruiter and cheerleader for his alma mater, Ohio Northern University. Please visit with Joe and Donna's family and friends at RUTHERFORD CORBIN FUNERAL HOME, 515 High St., Worthington, Ohio 43085 on Monday 8 July, from 6-8 p.m., and join us for a Celebration of Life Service at the Dublin Community Church, 81 West Bridge St., Dublin, Ohio at 1 p.m. Tuesday 9 July 2013. Joe's family offers the most heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to the hospice services of Ohio Health and Kobacker House, whose work made gentle our parents' passage. Condolences to family may be sent to [www.rutherfordfuneralhome.com](http://www.rutherfordfuneralhome.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Walter Joe Neidhardt*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *Joe and Donna were our neighbors on Fraley Dr. for 9 years...they were the best of the best. we are so sorry for your loss of these wonderful, Christian human beings. Blessings to you all.*

**Susan & Richard Hocking** - November 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *We met Joe shortly after we moved into McKitrick Estates. He was a great neighbor who was loved by all. We miss his outgoing personality and the landscaping he was so proud of in his front yard.*

**Sandy & Chris Amatos** - July 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mr. Neidhardt was one of the finest persons I ever met. I became acquainted with him when I was the Executive Secretary to the State Underground Commission. He was a very knowledgeable and concerned member. I did not know his family but I am sure he will be missed as much as anyone could be. You have my deepest sympathy at this difficult time.*

**Ellen Buzzelli** - July 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Neil, My sincerest condolences on the loss of your dad. I'm glad I got to meet him at a few of his cronies at the store. Best Regards, Steve Burger*

**Steve Burger** - July 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

WR

“ *The Neidhardt Family*

*The entire Ohio Northern University family sends its sincere condolences on the loss of Joe. He was a son of Ohio Northern. He was a revered and honored alum. His contributions were endless. He was President of the Ohio Northern Alumni Association and received the highest honor as the Distinguished Alumni Service Award in 1976. A true servant in every sense of the word. He will be truly missed.*

*With much affection,  
William L. Robinson*

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**William L. Robinson** - July 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

NC

“ *I have many fond memories of your parents, both from singing in the church choir, and being a long time neighbor. You are very fortunate to have had such a great Mom and Dad, so just remember the good times and loving family. You are in my prayers. Nancy*

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**Nancy Foster Curry** - July 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ *Please accept my love and prayers to your family. Joe and Donna became friends when we both became acquainted (and helped them settle) with the Nyamusevya families upon their arrival here from Rawanda. I talked with Joe just a couple of weeks ago and will miss his love and kindness. Blessings to your family, Kay*

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**Kay S. Carter** - July 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ Neil and Ned,

*while i had not known your father for a long time, we really hit it off. Joe was a great person that made all of us feel special. Please know that you and your families are in our thoughts and prayers. Trillium will not be the same.*

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**steve evans** - July 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ *I sang with your Mom at the Columbus Damenchor for many years and I also knew your Dad. I am sorry about your loss, both your Mom and Dad. With my deepest sympathy, Johanna Wintrich.*

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**Johanna Wintrich** - July 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PK

“ *I have many fond memories of spending time at the Neidhardt home. As a neighbor and good friend of Linda's I spent many hours with the family. Mr. Neidhardt always took an interest in what we were up to and also made me feel a part of what was going on in their home. From being a part of their wonderful family dinners to taking tours of Joe's garden with him, I was always welcomed. Joe and Donna were wonderful parents and friends. I am thinking of you all at this time and will have my wonderful memories forever. With Love, Peggy*

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**Peggy Kochheiser** - July 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM