



# Neil D. Rowe

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**L**ivestream available at: <https://www.stpaulwestlake.org> for Neil's service on Wednesday, April 20, 2022, 10:00 AM.

NEIL D. ROWE of North Olmsted, Ohio returned to the Lord on April 8, 2022 at the age of 83. He was born in Washington Court House, Ohio on October 30, 1938 to the late Jesse and Ruth (nee Farrell) Rowe. He was an engineering designer for NASA Glenn Research Center for his entire 50-year career. He lived a faith-filled life and deeply loved his family and friends.

He will be greatly missed by his loving wife of 55 years Beverly (nee Felder), children Lynn (Hans) Larsen and Christian (Snezana) and grandchildren Jack, Christopher, Eric and Elise Larsen and Christian and Luke Rowe. He was dearly loved by his brother Larry (Dawn) Rowe, his in-laws, Bob (Marsha) Felder, Judi (Robert deceased) McMahon, Shirley Sheets (deceased), Chuck (Jane) Felder and many nephews and nieces.

He was a man of few words, but his actions spoke loudly to all who interacted with him, sensing his kindness, love for God, his family and friends. Many know of his hobbies such as fly fishing, hunting, golfing, baseball and bowling. What many may not know of is his servant's heart that he did not talk about. Not only did he pick up a hammer and nails for his family and friends on various construction projects, but he also took on other acts of kindness such as feeding the homeless in downtown Cleveland, volunteering as a scout master for Royal Rangers, promoting conservation through organizations he supported, praying for others through his weekly men's group, offering wisdom and direction as a church elder and being willing to work a second job to support his family by teaching Math at Polaris. One of our favorite traits about him was his ability to understate the obvious. One favorite example is when he went hunting with his son in extremely inclement weather with the wind whipping and temperatures hovering around zero. As the two hiked a good distance out into a field, he turned to his son and said "It's a little chilly out today". (Yeah, Dad, it definitely is!) His kind and quiet spirit that allowed him to roll with all the chaos his family could generate, was a gift that we will always treasure. He was an excellent role model who walked humbly with God and we will all try to live in his example.



## Obituary

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The family will receive visitors on Tuesday, April 19, 2022 from 2-4 pm and 6-8 pm at the Sunset Chapel, 6245 Columbia Road, North Olmsted, Ohio. A celebration of his life service will be held Wed., April 20, 2022 at 10:00 am at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 27993 Detroit Road, Westlake, Ohio, please meet at the church. The family respectfully requests that any flowers be fragrant free due to family allergies. In lieu of flowers please send donations to the charity of your choice. Online memories and condolences may be left on Neil's memorial page at [www.sunsetfuneralandcemetery.com](http://www.sunsetfuneralandcemetery.com)



# Events

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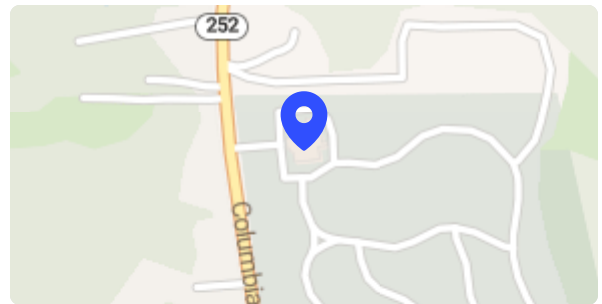
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## Visitation

**Tuesday**, April 19, 2022

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM ET

**Sunset Chapel**  
6245 Columbia Road, North Olmsted OH 44070

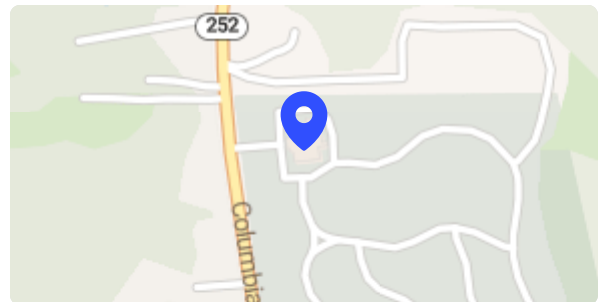


## Visitation

**Tuesday**, April 19, 2022

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET

**Sunset Chapel**  
6245 Columbia Road, North Olmsted OH 44070

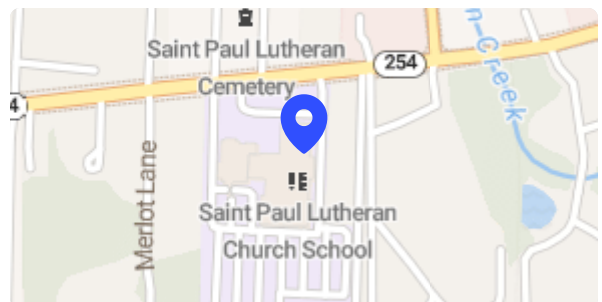


## Celebration of Life

**Wednesday**, April 20, 2022

10:00 AM ET

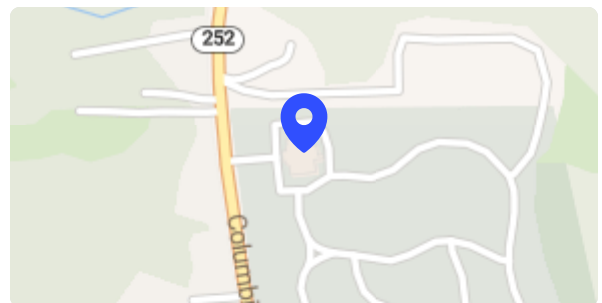
**St. Paul Lutheran**  
27993 Detroit Rd., Westlake OH



## Interment

**Wednesday**, April 20, 2022

**Sunset Cemetery**  
6265 Columbia Road, North Olmsted OH 44070





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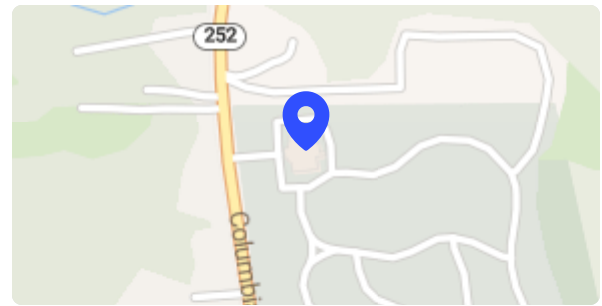


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**(440) 249-6256**





## Tribute Wall

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**Milan Vrzic** posted:

Christian & Snez and the entire family. Jennifer and I are very saddened to hear of this terrible loss to your family. Mr. Rowe was a great gentleman and will be missed. All our love - Milan Vrzic & Jennifer Allen

April 20 at 1:09 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Ringed by Love to the Rowe family.



April 19 at 9:43 AM



**Larry** posted:

To the entire Rowe Family....Sue and I would like to send our most sincere sympathies to the family and especially our friend Beverly. The Rowe's could always be found in the back of the contemporary service, as well as "behind the scenes" supporting the church and school in many different ways. I was thankful to get to "usher" with Neil during many of those church services. His quiet and humble ways did not go unnoticed by this guy....nor his faithful influence. Prayers, love and support to Bev and the family! Thank you for the impact you made on this family....you will be missed my friend! Larry and Sue DeSimpelare

April 19 at 7:51 AM



**Tom & Marilyn Slater** posted:

To Bev and family Neil will be remembered as one of CTK's first Royal Ranger Leaders and for his faithfulness in feeding the hungry downtown. We had some great plus challenging times way back then. GOD bless each of you with His peace and everlasting love.

April 19 at 7:39 AM



**Anonymous** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Neil.



April 19 at 6:12 AM



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MH

**Mark Hyatt** posted:

My sincere condolences to the entire family, and you especially Beverly. Neil was a good friend and teammate for many years in our golf league. His quiet, humble demeanor will be missed by all who knew him. I am very sorry to not be able to attend the calling hours due to work related travel, but please know I will be thinking of you all and remembering Neil fondly. Mark Hyatt

April 19 at 2:12 AM

CF

**Chuck Felder** posted:

Neil, I will miss you dearly. Always enjoyed our interactions, even the dad jokes. As a teenager I remember you bringing the ski boat to Uncle Bill's & all the wonderful times we had there. You joined me in bowling tournaments & as I recall we did pretty well. You took me on my one & only hunting trip & I got a squirrel, then realized hunting wasn't my thing although I loved walking in the woods & kept that up for decades, introducing my son to it. We had many enjoyable rounds of golf together, not that long ago one round at my old stomping grounds Big Met. You were a wonderful family man and I'll always be thankful for your time with Bev. You will always be in my memories & I'll smile when thinking of you. God Bless You! It was an honor & a pleasure knowing you.

April 18 at 7:30 PM

WF

**William Foster** posted:

I was very fortunate to know Neil for most of my career at NASA Glenn. Working with him building space hardware such as Solid Surface Combustion Experiment, Space Acceleration Measurement System, and several other successful Space Experiments. He was a mentor to me and I always benefited from his experience. I will miss his friendship. He loved the outdoors. I remember him coming over to the farm to scout turkeys. As we are walking around he tells me he just had his knees replaced within weeks. He was a person that enjoyed life and just kept going. I am sorry his story is over but it will continue with all us that knew him. God bless Bev and the rest of the family. Bill Foster

April 18 at 3:28 PM



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SK

**Susan Kolibas** posted:

Sincerest condolences to the Rowe family. I got to know Neil when I started as a NASA contractor back in the late '80's. No matter what was going on, he always had a smile to offer. Neil's passion for hunting took him to my brothers farm in central Ohio. It's easy to forget the many people we each cross paths with over a lifetime, but Neil is someone I will always fondly remember. Susan Kolibas

April 15 at 8:52 AM

JT

**John Thomas** posted:

I want to extend my heartfelt prayers and condolences to the Rowe family. I was fortunate enough to meet Neil on my first day at the NASA Lewis Research Center in 1985 and work closely with him for many years. He led by example, he taught me what a good work ethic was, how to successfully build spaceflight hardware and have a good time doing it. I enjoyed many years on the golf course with Neil and spending time together after golf. I was also blessed to enjoy many lunches with Neil and the old Space Experiments Office guys at Nuevo Acapulco after he retired. You will be greatly missed my friend! John Thomas

April 15 at 4:39 AM

SF

**Sandy Varga Fetterman** posted:

Our thoughts and prayers to you Bev, Lynn and Christian and your families. Neil was a great man. Sincere condolences The Varga Family Sandy, Eddie and Kristie

April 14 at 4:10 PM

JK

**Jim Kolibas** posted:

Please accept my deepest condolences for your loss. Neil was my mentor when I started at NASA GRC as a contractor in the late 80's. He was very patient, always friendly, and very knowledgeable. In our work world, Neil taught me that it is not always what you know, but who you know. I passed that wisdom on to my own children, and in my case, knowing Neil was indeed an honor and a pleasure. Jim Kolibas

April 14 at 5:08 AM



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**Anonymous** sent a Footprints Tribute Blanket to the Rowe family.

April 13 at 4:29 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Memories 44" Sonnet to the Rowe family.

April 13 at 4:27 AM



**Andrew Sexton** posted:

My sincere condolences to the family. I too had the pleasure and opportunity of working with Neil when I first started working at NASA as well as during his long career there. Neil always made time to answer my questions and help bring me along. His joyful demeanor always made the day just a little bit better for us all. Andrew Sexton

April 13 at 3:46 AM



**Vicki Crable** posted:

My heartfelt condolences to you and your family. I had the great pleasure of working with Neil at NASA. His love of the job and the people he worked with showed through each day. I am grateful that I had the opportunity to know and work with him. Vicki Crable

April 12 at 11:46 AM



**John Koudelka** posted:

I lift up the family in prayer, and also celebrate the beauty of Neil's life. I was blessed to start my career at NASA working with Neil and sharing an office with him. His guidance and presence with respect work and overall life was impactful on me and my career. He truly shared his joy of life. Thankful for the blessing in my life, John Koudelka

April 12 at 8:14 AM



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BB

**Bill Bifano** posted:

A man for all seasons is a man who is ready to cope with any contingency and whose behavior is always appropriate to every occasion. That describes Neil to a T. His achievements at NASA Lewis/Glenn are too numerous to mention. He was a gifted designer and a joy to work with. Bill Bifano

April 12 at 7:12 AM

MS

**Marla Sheets** lit a candle in honor of Neil.

My sincerest condolences on the death of your Father. May your heart and soul find peace and comfort. Love, Marla

April 12 at 6:23 AM



RB

**Rob Button** posted:

My deepest condolences to the Rowe family. I was lucky enough to have competed with Neil on the golf course and in the bowling alley for many years. A special memory for me is when Neil would join in the cornhole games we would play after golf on Tuesdays and enjoy the camaraderie of his fellow NASA golfers. I'm going to really miss his quiet, friendly nature, and his warm, welcoming smile.

April 12 at 4:29 AM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Neil by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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