



Cornelius W Boot

June 2, 1938 - October 11, 2023

Cornelius "Neil" William Boot, aged 85, passed away peacefully on October 11th, 2023, at Munster Community Hospital. Born on June 2nd, 1938, in the Roseland neighborhood of Chicago, IL, to Cornelius Boot and Cecelia Round, Neil was a cherished father, husband, and grandfather, celebrated for his vibrant spirit, unwavering dedication to family, and an always-refreshing sense of humor.

Neil's commitment to service was evident from an early age. He proudly served his country in the Army for three years before dedicating 15 years to the Chicago PD, where he rose to the rank of sergeant. Following his tenure with the police department, Neil championed safety initiatives with the National Safety Council for 25 years. After his official retirement, Neil's expertise remained in demand. He continued safety consulting, often collaborating with local steel mill facilities, ensuring the welfare of countless employees.

An advocate for education, Neil achieved an Associate of Arts in the Science of Law Enforcement and a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from Calumet College. He further pursued a Master of Public Affairs from Indiana University, inspiring many with his dedication to lifelong learning.

Neil's passion for life extended beyond his professional accomplishments. He

was undeniably the life of any gathering, captivating all with his stories and jokes. An avid golfer and Corvette enthusiast, Neil took utmost joy in moments spent with neighbors, friends, and, most importantly, family. He leaves behind his devoted wife, Irmgard Boot, their son, Alexander Neil Boot, and cherished grandson, Theodore Cornelius Boot.

Neil is preceded in death by his parents, Cornelius and Cecelia, and his siblings, Monica (Roberts), Barbara (Cooper), Dolores Boot, Virginia (Oosterbann), Rita (Evans), and James Boot.

Family and friends are invited to honor Neil's life on November 12th, 2023, at Hack-Jensen Funeral Home, located at 753 Hodges St, Beecher, IL 60401. Visitation will be held from 2PM to 4PM, followed by a service at 4PM. A luncheon will subsequently celebrate Neil's extraordinary journey.

In lieu of flowers, the family graciously requests donations to a charity of one's choice.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 12. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Hack-Jensen Funeral Home
753 Hodges Street
Beecher, IL 60401
jensenfuneralhomes@yahoo.com
<http://Hackfuneralhome.com>

Memorial Service

NOV 12. 4:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

LS

“ Neil, my dearest friend for 35 years. I will miss your quick wit, jokes, stories and advice, our golf outings, lunches at DeMarco's, and weekly chats. Most of all I will greatly miss your friendship!
Rest in peace.
Les and Helen Sokolowski

Les Sokolowski - November 12, 2023 at 10:13 AM

BE

My deepest sympathy to the family. I worked with Neil during his time with the National Safety Council. He was a joy to work with and such fun during our time together. He had such compassion and empathy for others and his guidance was invaluable during my tenure as the Executive Director of the Dade County Citizens Safety Council. Rest In Peace my friend.

BettyJane Evans

BettyJane Evans - November 16, 2023 at 04:53 PM

SE

“ Dear Irma, Alex, Ashley and Theo-
Words can't describe how saddened we are after hearing this heartbreaking news about Neil's passing 😭 he will be sorely missed along with his sense of humor, funny jokes and great little quips! We know Neil had faith and feel he is resting in peace in the loving arms of our dear Heavenly Father 😊 and Savior Jesus Christ. Hope and pray 🙏 God keeps you in His care & grants you His comfort and strength at this difficult time.
With much love 💔 and God bless you all,
Roy and Sharon & family

Sharon Erickson - November 12, 2023 at 07:40 AM

KW

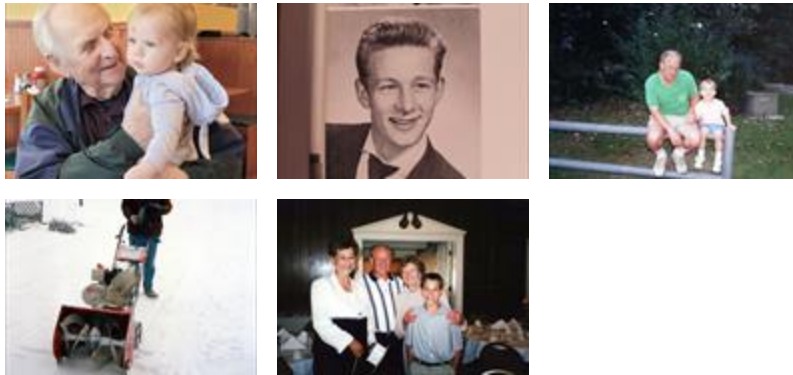
“ *There are no words to describe what Neil meant to our community on White Oak Lane. From the story of the beginning of the court and what him and the other family members created. Even though we were just neighbors he brought so much wisdom and laughter with his endless jokes and big heart. My heart goes out to Irma and the family, he will be forever in our hearts and the world will be different without him. RIP my friend, Kathy and Sharon*



Kathy williams - November 11, 2023 at 02:51 PM

AL

“ *37 files added to the album Memories*



Alex - November 10, 2023 at 08:32 PM

TB

*We will miss you Neil! You were always a delight to be around and we absolutely loved your humor
Fondly, Toni Burrows
safety Council of Palm Beach County*

Toni Burrows - November 16, 2023 at 08:10 PM

MJ

“ Martin J. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Cornelius W Boot.

Martin J. - November 10, 2023 at 10:51 AM

DH

“ Nobody shared more smiles than Neil, he was a beacon of light and laughter, my mom would ask for his assistance on her crossword puzzle and after he scolded her for doing it in pen he would supply the answer and a joke that she would relay the rest of the day, my whole family loved Neil and so did everyone who worked at Minne Monesse. Through his intelligence, kindness, wit and grace he made and left this world a better place. Love to the family



Debra Hurley - October 29, 2023 at 09:59 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Cornelius W Boot.



October 27, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Cornelius W Boot.

October 27, 2023 at 11:14 AM

MB

“ *Uncle Neil was a kind man who cared about family. He will be missed.*

Michelle Boot - October 26, 2023 at 05:13 PM

JE

“ *For a guiding light ,an uncle, and most importantly a great friend. Like his mother said the greatest will be last. GO BOOT!*

Jeremiah - October 26, 2023 at 01:50 PM

LS

“ *Uncle ‘Nealy’ always had an encouraging word and was loved for his supportive nature. He will be missed xox Laura Smith 🌻*

laura smith - October 26, 2023 at 06:13 AM

CL

“ *Knew Neil for close to 40 years during our days at the NSC. With his intelligence and quick wit, he would light up any room he walked into. After our NSC days, there was a group of about five of us who would still gather once a year just to keep up with each other -- it was a great camaraderie of friendship. Will miss him greatly...*

Chuck L.

Chuck Little - October 20, 2023 at 10:55 AM