



## Carl Burton Neal

March 1, 1929 - January 12, 2026

Carl Burton Neal, age 96, passed peacefully into eternal rest on January 12, 2026, in Tulsa, Oklahoma

Carl was born on March 1, 1929, in Moultrie County, Illinois. He was born into a family of six children and spent his early years on a farm in Windsor, Illinois. Those early years shaped his strong work ethic, humility, and lifelong devotion to service.

At just 17 years old, Carl proudly enlisted in the United States Navy during World War II. He served as a cook, always hoping to be sent out to sea, though his duties kept him stateside.

Something he would later share with a sense of humor and pride.

He and his wife, Janelle Megee Neal, were married for over 60 years before her passing in 2023.

At the age of 30, Carl committed his life to Jesus Christ, a decision that defined the rest of his years. His family fondly recalls how he never hesitated to ask anyone he met if they knew the

Lord. Carl devoted 43 years to ministry, serving as a bi-vocational pastor at five different

churches. He lived his faith daily.

In his quieter moments, Carl found joy in reading, traveling, collecting coins, and playing a mean game of Scrabble.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Janelle, and a son, Steve Neal.

Carl is survived by his son Terry Neal and wife Jan of Amarillo, Texas; daughter Jennifer Dowd of Tulsa, Oklahoma; sister Ruth Wood of Chicago, Illinois; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Graveside services will be held with full military honors on Wednesday, January 28, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Amarillo, Texas.

Carl's life was one of steadfast faith, service to others, and devotion to family. His testimony continues through all who were blessed to know him.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Brother Carl was not only a good man, he was my brother in Christ, a spiritual mentor and the best friend I ever had. I thank God for putting him and Janelle in my life.*

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**Parson Linwood Brown** - January 23 at 03:49 PM

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“ *Sending my sincere condolences to Jennifer and the family. I have fond memories of Uncle Carl. He always had a twinkle in his eye and funny quip to share. He was also easy to talk with about the harder and deeper things in life. So grateful for his loving presence in our lives.*



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**Kimberly Jones** - January 22 at 09:12 AM