



## Neil Nathaniel Naphtali

May 16, 1955 - May 26, 2026

Neil Nathaniel Naphtali, 71, passed away May 26, 2026 in Bradenton, Florida. He was born May 16, 1955 to the late Harold and Seeta Naphtali in Piparo, Trinidad and Tobago. Neil came to Manatee County area in January of 2021 from Marietta, Georgia.

Neil was a Methodist and attended church in Parrish, Florida. He met his future wife, Hema, in Toronto, Canada. For his career, Neil was a mechanical engineer for Anheuser-Busch for 30 years. In his free time, he was a “car guy,” loved music and art, traveling especially Caribbean cruises, and cricket.

Left to cherish Neil’s memory are his wife of 41 years, Hema; children Alicia Naphtali and her fiance Brendan, and Gavin Naphtali and his wife Jacqueline; and sister Hazel Breton and her husband Normand.

Neil was predeceased by his brother Glenn Naphtali.

There will be a visitation on Saturday, May 30, 2026 from 9:30 to 10:30 am at Maloney Funeral Home, 2401 Cattlemen Road, Sarasota, Florida 34232. Funeral service will begin at 10:30 am.

Memorial contributions can be made in Neil’s memory to St. Jude Children's Hospital <https://www.stjude.org/> or the American Cancer Society <https://www.c>

[ama-assn.org/donate](https://www.ama-assn.org/donate)

Memories and condolences can be left for the family at [www.MFHCares.com](https://www.MFHCares.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 30. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Maloney Funeral Home  
2401 Cattlemen Rd  
Sarasota, FL 34232  
(941) 371-9711

## Funeral Service

MAY 30. 10:30 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

TB

“ My condolences to Neil's family. Even though we have been out of touch for many years I still recall fond memories of our early days in Toronto and the many occasions we spent together playing our own inimitable brand of "Curry Goat Cricket". May he rest in peace.

*Terry Banarsee*

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**TERRENCE BANARSEE** - Yesterday at 12:14 PM

FN

“ *Fazina Naphtali lit a candle in memory of Neil Nathaniel Naphtali*



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**Fazina Naphtali** - June 06 at 03:48 PM

FN

*My condolences to Hema, Gavin and Alicia (my flower girl when Glen and I got married. Glen and I always talked about the great times we had had your house in Marietta . We also went on vacation with you guys . RIP Neil . Please tell Glen I miss him still and I know you guys will look after all of us from heaven.*

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**Fazina Naphtali** - June 06 at 03:58 PM

ZN

“ *Zina Naphtali lit a candle in memory of Neil Nathaniel Naphtali*



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**Zina Naphtali** - June 06 at 03:44 PM

CS

“ Hello Hema,

*I was greatly saddened to hear of Uncle Neil's passing and wish to send my deepest condolences to you, Alicia, Gavin and the rest of the family.*

*I will be thinking of you all tomorrow at the memorial service and will be with you in spirit.*

*I will remember Uncle Neil always, for being a loving, kind and generous man, who navigated his life with an innate ability to connect with others, utilizing his empathetic nature to great effect, making people feel welcomed and giving them a sense of belonging. I feel truly blessed to have known him and to have spent time with him enjoying some of the finer things in life.*

*I remember vividly how much he loved, admired and adored you, and nothing was too much trouble, he appreciated beauty and most of all the inner beauty of people.*

*“John Wesley's Rule of Life”*

*Do all the good you can,*

*By all the means you can*

*In all the ways you can*

*In all the places you can*

*At all the times you can*

*To all the people you can*

*As long as you can.*

*For me these words sum up how I view Uncle Neil lived his life, a man naturally harmonious and peaceful in nature, but with a strong inner resilience and a deep commitment to his personal beliefs and his family.*

*I know this is an extremely difficult time.*

*Love and best wishes*

*Claire xx*

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**Claire & Sonita** - May 30 at 05:10 PM

NI

“ 23 files added to the album *Sharing & Adventure*



Norman Imambaksh - May 30 at 09:40 AM

VI

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Vitra Imambaksh - May 30 at 02:07 AM

VI

*Always the life of t he party.*

Vitra Imambaksh - May 30 at 02:09 AM

NI

“ 1 file added to the album *Sharing & Adventure*



Norman Imambaksh - May 29 at 10:11 PM

RS

“ Sincere condolences to the family. Sorry to hear of Neil's passing. I met Neil and Hema in Georgia when they resided here. Know that you are in our thoughts and prayers,

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**Rai Sookram** - May 29 at 07:27 PM

KS

“ Khemraj S. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Neil Nathaniel Naphtali.

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**Khemraj S.** - May 29 at 03:47 PM

MR

“ To: The Naphtali Family  
Saroj, we are very saddened to hear of Neil's passing. We know that you will miss him terribly but we also know that you and your family will keep his memories close to your hearts.  
With love and our sincere condolences.  
Deo & Mala Rampersaud

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**Mala Rampersaud** - May 29 at 03:29 PM

SH

Condolences to the Naphtali family. I meet Neil through his wonderful brother Glen, and he impressed me as a person of intelligence, humility and determination.  
Neil, give my love to Glen. Until we meet again!

*Dr Suzanne Hulder*

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**Suzanne Hulder** - May 30 at 11:22 AM

MR

“ Mala R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Neil Nathaniel Naphtali.

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**Mala R.** - May 29 at 03:18 PM

CF

“ Neil's mother was my first cousin. I met his father when he moves to Nova Scotia to teach. He spent weekends with me when he visited Halifax.  
I met Neil in the late 70's. We discovered we had the same taste for music and spent many hours seeking out and discussing that topic. He radiated pure joy when he DJ'ed at functions. He was masterful at interpreting the crowd and playing the perfect music to enhance their enjoyment.  
He introduced me to cruising and his mentor, Felix Gonveia and I enjoyed many cruises together.  
I even participated in a few cricket matches with his team.  
He affectionately called me Badase and I appreciated our many discourses  
May he rest in peace.  
I pray that Hema, Alicia and Garvin will be comforted.  
Clen Francis

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**Clen Francis** - May 29 at 12:49 PM

NI

“ My son-in-law's Dad, Adolfo Picans of Panama is always so funny and pleasant... As a stable whisky fan, especially of Chivas, he recalls that he had never previously experienced making gargles with it, until cousin Neil convinced him to try it, late at night after Jose and Ily's wedding... Adolfo went for it and immediately after, he was almost knocked out cold. 🤔

In recalling how really fun it was to be close to Neil, Adolfo joked in his condolences:

"May Neil rest in peace and convince St. Peter with his sympathy to try a couple gargles of Chivas in heaven."

I am adding respectfully, ...Adolfo is sure that Neil and St Peter will both rest well until he goes up and wakes them up to try it again with him... Then they and all who will join them in due course, will all rest peacefully forever... 🤔

In the Truth of Christ Jesus, most assuredly for believers, there is really no sting in death. Amen 🙏

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Norman Imambaksh - May 29 at 08:58 AM

VT

“ Uncle Neil,

*You will always hold a special place in my heart. I have so many fond memories of you since I was a teenager.*

*You used to take me out with you when you and Poowah were dating and were always so kind and made me laugh always. I got my very first pay check because of you. You let me come to your workplace and help with inventory for one week and I remember how proud I was to be with you in your office. As I grew older I continued to admire so many things about you especially the relationship you had with my Poowah and how much you adored her. You were a great example of how a husband should treat his wife. You loved the finer things in life including cars, music, art and of course my Poowah.*

*You always made time to give me a call with a joke for me and catch up on the latest.*

*Even in your last months you made the effort to drive up to Canada for our daughter Anjali's wedding. I will forever cherish those last moments with you. I will miss your jokes and our conversations and you will forever be the coolest Uncle.*

*I know you are sitting in the fanciest sports car right now with your shades on just waiting patiently for the day you and Poowah will drive off together again into the sunset.*

*Rest in peace my dearest Uncle Neil... I will miss you dearly.*

*Vimla*

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**Vimla Tharakan** - May 28 at 11:09 PM

FD

“ From Alex, Nicholas, Elie Ducros purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Neil Nathaniel Naphtali.



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**From Alex, Nicholas, Elie Ducros** - May 28 at 11:02 PM

AC

“ *“Hi Hema, sorry to hear about Neil. We spoke few months ago, I'll miss him, but happy we spoke before he left. I cannot make the funeral as my wife is sick. We live in Massachusetts. All the best, Andrew*

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**Andrew Chesworth** - May 28 at 03:02 PM

RT

“ *Uncle Neil,*

*I will dearly miss you. Your magic tricks wowed me as a child, and your sense of humour continued to amaze me as an adult. You were so kind and jovial. Our deepest condolences to Auntie Saroj, Alicia, Gavin, Brendan, Jacqueline, and the rest of the family.*

*Anusree and I have planted a memorial tree in your honour, it will live on forever, as will you in our hearts.*

*Love,*

*Ryan & Anusree.*

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**Ryan Tiwari** - May 28 at 02:30 PM

RT

“ Ryan T. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Neil Nathaniel Naphtali.

Ryan T. - May 28 at 02:24 PM

“ Khemraj Singh lit a candle in memory of Neil Nathaniel Naphtali



Khemraj Singh - May 27 at 07:09 PM

“ Khemraj Singh sent a virtual gift in memory of Neil Nathaniel Naphtali



Khemraj Singh - May 27 at 07:09 PM

KM

“ Kim and Dan Maclsaac purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of Neil Nathaniel Naphtali.



Kim and Dan Maclsaac - May 27 at 02:34 PM

KM

“ *Kim and Dan Maclsaac planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Neil Nathaniel Naphtali.*

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**Kim and Dan Maclsaac** - May 27 at 02:34 PM

AN

“ Dear Poowah Saroj, Alicia, Gavin, family and friends,

*Uncle Neil was a warm person, always ready to bring a smile to our faces. I remember him telling me about Alicia, he spoke of how intelligent she is, Gavin, he told me that you were sheer genius. I remember we spoke, when he was doing the family tree, and even then, he succeeded in making me non-verbal with laughter. I was so touched he went out of his way to do this for our family.*

*Later years, he told my daughter a joke and she could not stop laughing. Within seconds of that joke she asked me for a dog. She now remembers him, as the Uncle who supported her in her childhood efforts to get a dog.*

*I fondly remember speaking to another time, and he said well, you're like your aunt, you love to get lost in the garden and all these bush remedies make you all happy. The unity he drew in that statement was true and heartwarming.*

*Uncle Neil truly made an impact in all of our lives. Whether we saw him a lot or little, he made a difference and he surely wanted us all to laugh. He must have subscribed to laughter being the best medicine.*

*I'll be praying for Poowah Saroj, Alicia and Gavin as well as all of his family members and friends.*

*Love you all,*

*Anita, Arya and Richard Tiwari-Szvath*

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Anita - May 27 at 11:11 AM

NI

*Beautiful*

**Norman Imambaksh** - May 29 at 01:05 PM

DC

“ *My name is Delia Chatoor and I am one of Neil's cousins from Trinidad. We grew up together with aunts, uncles, and cousins, sharing many memorable experiences together. He was especially generous to my late mother as he gave her a statue of Mary which she cherished. May he rest in peace and rise in eternal glory.*

**DELIA CHATOOR** - May 27 at 07:48 AM



“ *4 files added to the album Memories Album*



**Maloney Funeral Home** - May 26 at 07:15 PM

JC

“ *John and Phyllis Cokley purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Neil Nathaniel Naphtali.*



**John and Phyllis Cokley** - May 26 at 07:10 PM