



Neil Hilt

April 6, 1933 - April 11, 2015

Surfside Beach

Neil B. Hilt, Sr., age 82, died on April 11, 2015 at National Health Care, Garden City, SC.

Born in Union, ME, he was the son of the late Benjamin and Beulah Hilt. Mr. Hilt retired from Mass Mutual Life Insurance Company after 34 years. He was a member of St. Michael Catholic Church and Newton Masonic Lodge in Wilbraham, MA where he served as Lodge Master for 2 years and District Deputy for a year. He volunteered as a scout leader, Indian guide, and little league baseball coach over the years. Mr. Hilt enjoyed golfing, boating, swimming and playing with his grandchildren. He was a loving and supportive husband, father, and grandfather. He was preceded in death by his brother, Donald Hilt.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Gail of Surfside Beach; sons, Neil B. Hilt, Jr. and wife Francese of Georgia VT, Stephen A. Hilt and husband Gregory A. Fenton of Brookline, MA, and John Thomas Hilt and wife Paula of Palm Beach Gardens, FL; daughters, Katharine Johnson and companion John Magnani of Springfield, MA, Donna Sutcliffe and husband Scott of Palmer, MA, and Suzanne Pike and husband Phil of Lancaster, SC; grandchildren, Alan, Ian, Lisa, Kyle, Kaitlin, Jessica, Benjamin, Abigail, Manuela, Justin, and Ryan; great grandchildren, Alex, Zoey, and A.J.; and several nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends from 6:00-8:00 PM Tuesday, April 14, 2015 at

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel. A funeral mass will be said at 10:30 AM Wednesday, April 15, 2015 at St. Michael Catholic Church with a reception following at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association, 7272 Greenville Ave. Dallas, TX 75231.

An online guestbook may be signed at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **14.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Celebration Center
11528 Hwy 17 Bypass
Murrells Inlet, SC 29588
(843) 651-3295
info@goldfinchfuneralhome.com
<https://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com>

Service

APR **15.** 10:30 AM.

St. Michael Catholic Church

Tribute Wall

LB

“ Dear Gail and all the family,
I was saddened to read of Neil's passing, so many wonderful memories came flooding back of all the good times in Hampden when the kids were growing up. Neil was such a good person. My deepest sympathy to you and the family at this very sad time.
Lexie Beebe

lexie beebe - April 19, 2015 at 12:50 PM

CM

“ I was so sorry to hear that Neil had passed. My thoughts and prayers are with the family. My deepest sympathy! Love to you all!

Carol Maguire - April 15, 2015 at 11:15 PM

MT

Suzanne sorry to hear about your dad. I remember when I lost mine; it was sad, but I still have the good memories.

Melvin Threatt - April 16, 2015 at 09:28 AM

PC

So sorry to hear about the passing of your dad. Prayers for you and the family.

Patricia Comstock - April 16, 2015 at 10:33 AM



“ I absolutely loved hearing Neil (grampy) tell all of us the stories of how he met Gail and when they were first dating. He was so funny!! We will miss his kind and gentle presence at all the family gatherings.

Heather Shiflett - April 15, 2015 at 09:29 PM

KC

“ Our deepest sympathy with love, to you Gail and family.
Sincerely in Light and Peace.
Cliff Saunders, Kathy and Lorraine Chapman

Kathleen Chapman - April 14, 2015 at 09:55 PM

KC

“ I am deeply sadden..with a heavy heart. My neighbor, my friend..you will be greatly missed. Always positive, and joyful, I will miss your friendly hellos and your welcoming hugs.. I will miss your presence at the nighttime fires..! Your kindness will always be remembered. Rest in peace dear Neil...? We loved you..



Kathleen Chapman - April 14, 2015 at 09:40 PM

BH

“ Benjamin Hilt purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Neil Hilt.



Benjamin Hilt - April 14, 2015 at 08:11 PM

RL

“ Many years have passed since we enjoyed being neighbors in Hampden MA. we have been separated in time and distance but never in thought and memories. Rest in peace good friend. Roger and Judy Lanning

Roger Lanning - April 14, 2015 at 02:40 PM

SS

“ Bro. Neil is very much missed by all of his Masonic Brothers in Wilbraham Masonic Lodge (successor to Newton Lodge). May he Rest in Peace and may the good Lord bless and comfort all who love and miss him. Bro. Scott Sherman, Secretary

Scott M. Sherman - April 14, 2015 at 02:24 PM

AM

“ *Gail & Family*
It is with heavy heart that we send our condolences, love and prayers to all of you.
May you know that we too will miss this special man and remember the wonderful times together.
Much love,
Cousins Ann Marie & Tony

Ann Mucera - April 14, 2015 at 10:02 AM

MB

“ *Steve, Greg and family,*
I am deeply saddened to hear of the loss of your father. My thoughts and prayers are with you my dear friend. I will hold you and your family in my heart and send you much love as you grieve the loss of your wonderful Dad. Love, Monica

Monica Brunaccini - April 14, 2015 at 07:26 AM

LP

“ *Lisa M. Palmer purchased the Believe Digital Music Box for the family of Neil Hilt.*



Lisa M. Palmer - April 13, 2015 at 07:32 PM

PK

“ Neil will always have a special place in my heart. He was a terrific man. I will surely miss him too.
May He Rise in Peace ... Amen
Sincerely,
Pat Kopenhaver

Pat Kopenhaver - April 13, 2015 at 06:59 PM

DW

“ Donald W. purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Neil Hilt.



Donald W. - April 13, 2015 at 03:39 PM



“ Bright and Beautiful Spray was purchased for the family of Neil Hilt.



April 13, 2015 at 02:56 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Neil Hilt.



April 13, 2015 at 02:21 PM