



## Phyllis June Neal

May 2, 1926 - December 12, 2019

Phyllis June (Brown) Neal, 93, of New Castle, went to her Heavenly home on the afternoon of Thursday, December 12, 2019, at Glen Oaks Health Campus.

She was born on May 2, 1926, the youngest of four children in a small house on South Main Street in New Castle, Indiana. Her parents were Alonzo “Lon” and Lucy (Shortridge) Brown. “June Bug” was the nickname her father gave her.

A farm near New Lisbon was home for the Brown family until Phyllis was 10 years old. She received her early education at Devon School near New Lisbon. Following her father’s death, Phyllis’ mother purchased a home on South 22nd St. in New Castle and while living there she attended Weir Elementary, New Castle Junior High and New Castle High School.

On September 20, 1942, Phyllis became the bride of Samuel Warren Neal. He was the only love of her life. They were blessed with four children, Greta Jo, Sharon Sue, Philip Warren and Randall Eugene. They were fortunate to celebrate 45 anniversaries until his untimely death in 1988.

In 1955, after living on South 18th Street in New Castle and South of New Castle, the Neal family bought a farm Northwest of town where Phyllis resided for 63 years.

Phyllis was a homemaker her entire adult life. Shortly after moving to the farm she began attending Mt. Zion Wesleyan Church where she became an active member and was baptized in 1958. She served her Lord by volunteering for many offices in the church such as, Sunday School teacher, donation steward, hospitality chairperson, Vacation Bible School teacher and board member. In later years, she was “The Cookie Lady” during VBS.

One of the joys of her life was traveling with the Indiana Central Wesleyan BYF to various locations including Mackinac Island, Branson, MO, Nashville, TN, and Washington, D.C. She also loved being involved in the activities of Mt. Zion’s BYF Group.

In her younger years, Phyllis enjoyed cooking, making pies, flower gardening, crocheting, reading, and traveling. Her greatest joy, however, was spending time with her family.

Phyllis was a loving and devoted wife and mother. She leaves to cherish her memory four children, Greta (Art) Clevenger of Cowan, Sharon (John) Huckeby of New Castle, Philip (Shirley) Neal of Mt. Summit and Randy (Inga) Neal of New Castle.

Nine grandchildren, Robin (Mike) Culp of Speedway, Holly Baker of Muncie, Brandi (Patty) Neal of Noblesville, Barry (Jennifer) Huckeby of Freeland, MI, and Ryan (Melissa) Huckeby, Kyle (Melynda) Huckeby, Shelley (Lee) York, Kevin (Tiffany) Neal and Scottie (Chrisann) Neal all of the New Castle area.

18 great-grandchildren survive Mrs. Neal as well as nieces, Gail (Dennis) Hutson of Clinton and Marcella (Charles) McCord of Cambridge City; Nephews, Everett Brown of Clayton and Bill (Mary) Brown of Rockville; a cousin, Marilyn (Wales) Garvey of Indianapolis, and a special friend and

caregiver, Anita Helderbrand.

Preceding her in death were her parents, Lon and Lucy Shortridge Brown; her loving husband, Sam Neal, a great-grandson, Jack Paul; a sister, Harriett Browning; brothers, Marshall Brown and Clarence Brown; nephews, Leon Ammerman and Steve Brown and nieces, Phyllis Ammerman, Dona Adams, Patty Bertram, Joyce Meyers, and Velma Patterson.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 am Saturday, December 21, 2019 at Sproles Family Funeral Home with Pastor Steve Arnett officiating. Burial will follow in South Mound Cemetery West Lawn Addition.

The family will receive friends from 5 - 8 pm on Friday at the funeral home.

You may offer the family a personal condolence at [www.sprolesfamilycares.com](http://www.sprolesfamilycares.com).

The Sproles family and staff are honored to serve the family of Phyllis June (Brown) Neal.

# Cemetery Details

## South Mound Cemetery West Lawn Addition

950 South Memorial Dr.  
New Castle, IN 47362

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **20**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Sproles Family Funeral Home  
2400 S Memorial Dr  
New Castle, IN 47362  
(765) 521-2400  
toms@sprolesfamilycares.com  
<https://www.sprolesfamilycares.com/>

## Service

DEC **21**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

HH

“ Heidi Higgins lit a candle in memory of Phyllis June Neal



Heidi Higgins - December 20, 2019 at 10:12 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Phyllis June Neal.



December 19, 2019 at 03:42 PM

FF

“ Frank (BEE) Neal and family purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Phyllis June Neal.



Frank (BEE) Neal and family - December 19, 2019 at 01:34 PM

RN

“ Rita R. Neal purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Phyllis June Neal.



Rita R. Neal - December 19, 2019 at 01:02 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Phyllis June Neal.*



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December 18, 2019 at 09:26 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Phyllis June Neal.*



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December 18, 2019 at 06:59 PM



“ *Veralyn and I thoroughly enjoyed the 24 years we were privileged to fellowship and worship with Phyllis as her pastors at the Mt. Zion Wesleyan Church from 1979 to 2003. Phyllis was a very sweet and godly lady and a faithful supporter of our ministry and church. Our love and support to each member of the family.*

*Pastor Bob and Veralyn Van Cise*

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**Robert G. Van Cise** - December 18, 2019 at 05:36 PM



“ *My deepest sincere sympathy and prayers to you all! She was my sweet loving friend!*

*Sharon Keesling*

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**Sharon Keesling** - December 17, 2019 at 06:34 PM

SH

“ Shirley Hall lit a candle in memory of Phyllis June Neal



Shirley hall - December 15, 2019 at 02:18 PM

DE

“ Deehouser lit a candle in memory of Phyllis June Neal



deehouser - December 15, 2019 at 10:09 AM

DW

“ So very sorry for your loss - she was a very sweet and caring lady

Diane Wendell - December 15, 2019 at 07:41 AM

PB

“ Pam Barber Brake lit a candle in memory of Phyllis June Neal



Pam Barber Brake - December 14, 2019 at 06:58 PM

RN

“ *Rita Neal lit a candle in memory of Phyllis June Neal*



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**Rita Neal** - December 14, 2019 at 05:48 PM

LS

“ *Luther Snedegar lit a candle in memory of Phyllis June Neal*



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**luther snedegar** - December 14, 2019 at 04:12 PM