



## Neil A. Rosekrans

July 18, 2008

Neil A. Rosekrans, 76 of Onondaga Hill and formerly of Lafayette passed away Friday at Van Duyn. Born in Ithaca, he graduated from Central High in 1951 after which he worked for many years as a salesman, nursing home administrator and later on spent over 30 years traveling the Northeast with his wife Pat as crafters. Neil was a member of Warners United Methodist Church; a former member of Masonic Sapphire Lodge; he joined the Warners Fire Department in 1958 where he later became a Fire Chief. Neil is survived by his wife of 57 years Patricia (Austin); a daughter Lauren (Ed) Googin of Lafayette; two sons Scott (Teresa) of Seattle, WA and Jeff of Jamesville; six grandchildren Heidi (Peter), Neil (Beth), Derek (Tiffany), Sarah (Ron), Erin, and Todd; seven great grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. Calling hour is 2 to 3 pm Sunday, July 27th followed by a memorial service at 3 pm at Warners United Methodist Church. Arrangements by the B.L. Bush & Sons Funeral Home, 10 Genesee St, Camillus. Private burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery. Contributions in lieu of flowers may be made to Warners Vol. Fire Department, 6444 Newport Rd, Warners, NY 13164. The family would like to publicly thank the wonderful staff on 5-A at Van Duyn, for their loving and conscientious care. Please sign his guestbook at [www.BLBUSH.com](http://www.BLBUSH.com).

# Tribute Wall

DG

“ Marmar, Papa has left us with so many great memories. It's impossible to think about him and not chuckle. He was always up to no good and so good at it! He made it a priority to have fun on a regular basis. He also was a true example of what an awesome father & grandfather should be. He had a way of making everyone feel special and truly loved. Even our children felt sooo special when they were around him. The boys will never ride another golf cart without Papa echoing behind them to "be careful". Charlotte knew from the begining that was one face worth laughing for :-) We miss him sooo much!!! He was and always will be a large part of our lives. With love, Derek & Tiffany

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Derek & Tiffany Googin - September 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ Papa...I will cherish the times we spent together, our breakfasts at the Old Tyme Cafe, visiting you everyday after I came home from school. Our trips to the woods riding in the wagon behind your John Deere tractor. I remember the special T-shirts you bought me "Grandpa's Side Kick" and "Grandpa says I'm a keeper". Our fun projects, helping with the sun dial and building our waterfall. I enjoyed receiving the letters and pictures you sent me from your travels around the country. I love and miss you, Todd, aka "The Kid" xoxoxo

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Todd Googin - August 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ Dear Pat, It was with deep sadness that I read that Neil had passed on. What wonderful memories I have of my years at the New York State Fair and you and Neil always being part of the Craft Village. Be assured of my deep sympathy, thoughts and prayers.  
Kay

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**Kay Benedict Sgarlata** - August 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Pat, you have our deepest sympathies and will ask for God's blessings for Neil and your family. Lauren, Ed, Derek, Todd and families - please accept our condolences and prayers in your time of grieving. Have heard many wonderful stories about Neil and know he was loved and will be missed dearly.

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**Jacki & Mark Register family** - July 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PK

“ Dear Pat and family, I would love to praise you and Neil for your years of commitment and love to each other. It's a love that will never end and with God's word and promise, we will all meet again. And living that belief will sustain you and keep you connected to the one's you love here on earth and those you love that pass. And the reward of the belief is Neil will always be there with you. When a story of him is told, when something he did or said makes you laugh, a visit in your dreams or a sudden fluttery of the heart, you will know he is there and lives with you forever. And of the many gifts you two have shared in this world I would like to thank you and Neil for a gift you given me. Because of you two, I have a friend of almost 50 years, a rare life long friend, and she is a treasure of goodness and love. Though I haven't seen Scott or Jeff for countless years no doubt they too are a great reflection of you and Neil. May Neil rest in peace and all of you continue to live the way he would want you too. You are a wonderful family and may God bless you all. Pat Knowlton

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**Patrick Knowlton** - July 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ Pat and Family, We are so sorry to hear of Neil's passing. He was a very kind man, we are glad we got to know him as our (part-time)neighbor. We send our sympathy to you and your entire family during this difficult time. Thinking of you with love. The Gero's

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**Lori & Jeff Gero** - July 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

GR

“ I've only known Neil for a short time as compared to many here, but he sure was a man who made memories happen... and who made me feel very welcome to the Rosekrans family. I think the greatest gift we can give to others is memories... Neil's smile and wit, his trip down the bank at the shack, sharing coffee in FL, the Pink Bug, the willing hugs... so many memories in a short time. My prayers are with all of you. Prayers made from a grateful heart.

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**Gayle Rosekrans** - July 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ Pat,Laurie,Scott and Jeff, I want to send my deepest sympathies to all you during this time. I have fond memories of singing in choir with both you! Also how I enjoyed working on the tiles with Pat and Maryjane Lucas what fun! My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. In HIM Lisa (Stanard) Senkbile.

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**Lisa Senkbile (Stanard)** - July 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ Neil, I hope you are driving the Morris Minor down the train tracks of Heaven. I will never forget you. All my love -- You favorite Sister-In-Law

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**Lynne Andrews** - July 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ Elaine forwarded the notice to me. I'm sorry to hear about your loss. As I lost both my parents in recent years I kind of know the feelings. I think of them every day and it helps to remember the good times. My thoughts and prayers (although I don't usually pray a lot) will be with you. Best wishes, Steve

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**Stephen Laffer** - July 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ When I think of Uncle Neil, I think of horses and farms and Cricket Hollow and visiting at Christmas and picnics. I think of Neil walking into a room, and everyone getting this feeling of anticipation, because something fun was going to happen. As a kid, nothing is more engaging. As an adult, I hope to create that same feeling, that anticipation of fun. I think that is how it is with dying; you pass on the best of what you were to others, and those left behind are comforted by what they see. I also think of Neil and Dad and "Lennie John" back together again, and I believe that God has his hands full this day. Still, what can assuage the emptiness left after his passing? He leaves behind a loving wife, fine sons, a wonderful daughter, so many children with happy memories of a loving grandfather and uncle. Neil always had the respect of his fellows and the love of his family. These are all confirmation of a life well lived. Who can ask more? With love and sympathy, Joel

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**Joel Gibbons** - July 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ Mom..... You and Dad were the best parents any child could wish or hope for. I have so many fond memories I will cherish always. My special times with Dad... the trips to the P.O., horseback riding, our family car rides, our fun and exciting sledding behind the car up and down the road, our trips to the T.I.P with the Wagers', living with the Mallores' while our house was being built. Too many fun memories to mention.... What a Fun Dad we had!!! Dad you were there for me though good times and bad, but most important the unconditional love you gave me. I Love and Miss you!!!! In my heart forever....  
Laurie xoxoxox

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**Laurie Rosekrans Googin** - July 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

EG

“ I don't know where to start because so much can be said about the two of you. You & Neil have not only been like parents to me but also very good friends . I'm very lucky to have met your daughter & been welcomed into your family. I am going to miss Neil's sense of humor. He was one of a kind & I will always remember him. I can't tell you how sad I feel for your(our) loss. I hope to stop over this evening to give you a big hug & to see how you are doing. Love Always, Ed

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**Ed Googin** - July 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ Pat, my family and I are very sorry for your loss. Though I have never met Neil, I know you and your daughter Lauren and both of you are great friends. I know that Neil was a wonderful person as well. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Bill Robinson** - July 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RA

“ Pat you have been in my thoughts and prayers and I know it was not easy giving up your "Sweetheart". It's hard to believe we have known you and Neil for 34 years and I know you all did something right because you gave us a very special "Son in Law". We do love Scott. We have always looked forward to your visits to Texas and now I guess it will be to Port Townsen. We love you, Robert & Sally

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**Robert & Sally Atkins** - July 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DN

“ We were very fortunate to have Papa (& Marmar) touch our lives. There are so many wonderful memories we have, not to mention the great stories that he shared! We will miss Papa dearly. We love you!

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**Don, Sandra, Taylor & Emily Nichols** - July 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM

HN

“ I have been blessed in my life to have such wonderful grandparents. Even though we were far away, Papa was such a fun and loving grandfather and I will cherish every memory I have. Our trips to New York were some of my most fond memories. Papa always made us feel so special – especially when he took “his girl” out to breakfast at some of his favorite places. How special that makes a little girl feel! I know that this is a tradition that my dad will continue with my child. Papa, I love and miss you! Thanks for being such a loving grandfather.

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**Heidi Nornes** - July 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ Aunt Pat, With the recent passing of my father (Dick Gibbons) and now Uncle Neil, the fourth is now in place for Jarts. We all remember Gramps (Lynn Austin), Pa (Adrian Gibbons) my Dad (Dick) and Uncle Neil all playing out on the many picnics and family get-to-gethers. I can still hear Uncle Neil's laugh and his saying "You dogged it!" I also remember the many weekends at your house where we would watch movies and eat popcorn out of the old wooden bowl that you lined with wax paper. I still have the bowl. It is one of my treasured possessions. Uncle Neil-- Thank you for the grand memories--never losing a basement or a tree stump (Warners Fire) when you the Chief, horse back riding and just having a good time. You will be missed by all. Rick, Donna, Stephanie, Tommy, Angelina, Daniel, Ricky and Jamie.

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**Rick and Donna Gibbons** - July 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ How sorry we were to hear of Neil's passing, but want you to know how blessed we feel to have known him. Many memories are in our hearts, but the one that stands out to us is your extended stay at Double Lake. What fun for us to be able to just stop in to visit and steal you away for a few shopping trips! You and your family are in our prayers as you go through this most difficult time. Love, Dalton and Linda Currie

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**Dalton & Linda Currie** - July 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PG

“ Dear Pat - we have the same name and a very dear mutual friend in Barbara Rhode - she has spoken so often of you and your dear Neil that I feel as though we have met. I know you have wonderful memories and a caring family that will support you over the difficult times. May memories and family give you strength to endure the loss of your Sweetheart. Regards, Pat

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**Pat Gray** - July 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

ND

“ Neil From the Brown Memorial Methodist Church to our Warners Methodist Church and the Warners Fire Department{ I can still hear you saying CHARGE THE LINES } I have known and respected you for a long time.I was really glad that I got to see and talk with you a couple of weeks ago at Community General Hospital.Peggy and I will be out of town on the day of your calling hours and services and unable to attend.Peggy and I will be saying a prayer for you, Pat and the children. May you rest in peace. Neil

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**Neil Daley** - July 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ I'm going to miss my Grandpa so much! But I'm so lucky to have had him in mine and my families lives for so long. I was able to spend alot of time with at the end of last year and it meant so much to me. I'll always remember all his stories and how he'd always refer to my daughters (Jenna and Emma) as "my girls". But I'll mostly remember how much he loved my Grandma Rosie and that their love was what we'd all wish for ourselves. We Love You Grandpa!!

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**Sarah Horton** - July 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ Dear Pat: Sorry to read of Neil's passing. It's been sometime since I had the pleasure of visiting with both of you at your State Fair craft booth. You and Neil have always had both my respect and friendship. I will miss the "MAYOR" of the craft village. My best to you. Stay strong and God bless.

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**Alex Milham** - July 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ I saw Uncle Neil this past family reunion and he was able to meet my 3 year old daughter, Aiyana. He took delight in meeting her and seeing how much mischief she gets in. I will always remember the smile on his face when watching Aiyana challenge the world around her (mostly me).

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**Gwendolyn Stansfield** - July 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ I have been blessed with the greatest in-laws for the last 34 years! I'm so thankful that we were there last Thanksgiving to spend precious time with Dad. In his typical sense of humor, as he, Scott and I were driving to Laurie's house, he said "is that my favorite daughter-in-law in the backseat?" I replied, "yes it is, and nevermind that I'm your ONLY daughter-in-law!" Of course, he was chuckling the whole time. We will miss him and always cherish the wonderful memories. I love you...Teresa

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**Teresa Rosekrans** - July 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PR

“ A Message For My Sweetheart Neil, you were the most wonderful Husband, Father, and Grandfather anyone could ever have wished for. You made all your family & friends laugh so much with your great sense of humor, right to the very end. You have left so many wonderful memories for all of us to cherish. You will never, ever, leave my heart. Till we meet again.. Your sweetheart, Pat

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**Pat Rosekrans** - July 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ Dear Pat, it has been awhile since we saw you both at Stone Mills and wondered how life was treating you. Am still remembering Dick Gibbons and now will be thinking of you.

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**Mary Jane and Clyde Van Arsdale** - July 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ My sincere condolences, Pat, for the loss of your husband, Neil. It's a hard thing to cope with. I know - I've been through it. And my friend, Barbara, just lost her husband of 57 years together (he was a twin brother to my husband). If you want to talk with someone - any time - I'd be happy to talk with you. As you know, I'm the gal in Apt. 223, who writes the newsletters. But I've been through it and sometimes when you're going through the grieving process, it helps to talk to one who's "been there." You're in my prayers. Jean Grandinetti

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**Jean Grandinetti** - July 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ The Officers and Members of the Mattydale Fire Department join in extending Heartfelt Sympathy to you and your family at this Time of Sorrow.

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**Mattydale Fire Department** - July 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CI

“ I have alot of great memories of my childhood growing up with the Rosekrans in Warners. They were our neighbors and our friends. From Laurie babysitting us to seeing Mrs Rosekrans getting her hair done by my mom. Any time you were with Mr. Rosekrans he had a smile on his face and always joked with us. Even now I'm smiling thinking of him coming over to our house and the big joke was "where's (my brother)John, in bed?". John was always in trouble and in bed early every night. Mrs. Rosekrans, Laurie, Jeff & Scott I am very sorry for your loss and will never forget your dad, he was very kind and a great man. I'll keep you all in my prayers. Carmen Anne , CJ & Sammy Mallore Marcellus NY

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**Carmen Mallore III** - July 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ Thanks, Uncle Neil for being a wonderful friend after my Dad (Alby Wager) passed away when I was a kid. You were there to help fill that void by providing the hugs and laughter that I needed during my teen years. I'll never forget regular visits to your home for lunch and dinners, swimming in your pool in Warners, your Chinchilla business, road trips and candid conversations about life. I will miss you. Aunt Pat, I love you with all my heart and my prayers go out to you, Scott, Laurie and Jeff. Love, Rick

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**Rick Wager** - July 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ I was thinking today about how long Fred and I knew Neil and Pat. I think it's been 28 years--hard to believe. Also hard to believe that Neil has left us for a short time -- until we all see him again. I'll miss the laughter we always shared. I always loved his sense of humor and Fred always had great respect for him. I will miss him and-Pat, you're in my thoughts, as always.

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**Barbara Parker** - July 19, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ I thought it was so "neat" (and that word dates me!) to have an uncle who was a teenager, when I was (barely) a teenager; then, by golly, he married a beautiful and wonderful girl (my Aunt Pat), who was also a teenager. Memories of fishing in the Canandagua Outlet, riding the rapids on a rubber tube; campfires with bacon on a spit, and baked potatoes buried in the ashes; fighting over who gotttheammock, picking wild blackcaps, making catnip tea; and listening to the hootie owls, while grandma told stories; then, there was grandpa's violin singing out "Pretty Redwing." Oh I thank God for those memories. Neil, we will miss your engaging smile and great sense of humor. May God bless and salve the aching hearts of your beloved family. Shalom, Your neice, Suzanne, and Clayton Murphy

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**Clayton & Suzanne Murphy** - July 19, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ I know for certain that we never lose the people we love, even to death. They continue to participate in every act, thought and decision we make. Neil leaves an indelible imprint in our memories. Find comfort in knowing that our lives have been enriched by having shared his love. You are in my prayers.

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**Marcia Bryant** - July 19, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ We were with you the day that the photo of Neil was taken at Key West it was a great day and one of many happy memories that we have of times spent with you both in the short time that we knew him he was a great guy with a fantastic sense of humor who could also catch a few fish as well. Till we meet again. Lou & Wendy

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**Lou & Wendy Gladden** - July 19, 2008 at 12:00 AM