



Neil Nathan Amitay

January 24, 2022

On January 24, 2022, our beloved son, brother and uncle passed away after 55 years of a tumultuous life, during which he touched many people's lives, evincing and engendering joy, affection and compassion wherever he went. Who was not uplifted by his disarmingly beautiful smile, charm, gregariousness and exquisite functional art? Anyone who received a personalized masterpiece knows that this was one of his many ways of showing how much he thought about and valued you.

Throughout his life, Neil was a relentless fighter and survivor whose resilience and resourcefulness helped carry him through adversities, traumas, tragedies and hardships that would have caused many others to give up. Regardless of his circumstances, he kept surging forward, seemingly enveloped by an aura of love, energy and radiance. As brightly as Neil's light could shine, it was regrettably dimmed at times by his personal demons – the same demons that ultimately took his life.

We will remember our dear Neil the way he deserves to be remembered. For anyone who would like to share your memories or condolences, you may do so at www.aftercare.org. And if you would like to honour Neil's memory, you can do so by donating to Toronto People With AIDS Foundation, a wonderful organization that helped Neil immensely, at <http://www.pwatoronto.org>

Tribute Wall

JR

“ I am late to find out the passing of my beautiful friend , Neil when I lived in Toronto lifted my spirits many times . Neils love and creativity for art was so amazing as his zest for life .
I am so very deeply saddened to hear this and his family and friends have my deepest sympathies .I remember his spending time at Neils apartment making vegetarian dishes and watching movies we kinda had different choices in movies but it was always great spending time together gone way to soon I truly will miss you
Johnny Risebrough

Johnny Risebrough - May 21, 2022 at 03:05 AM

DR

“ Dear friends and family,

Neil was a great person all the time. While I new Neil for oh going on at least 15 years we shared his love of art and precious pieces we also had an in trust in Star Trek, once had coffee with J Jackson but she was incognito. I had a hard time convincing him it was her the one and only. But he was a cool as a cucumber all the while I was too but ya know fan boy... I was jumping out of my skin.

The world has lost a great man and a talent you were loved Neil by myself and my partner Timothy. May you journey be in the light and my condolences to the family and may friends.

*Blessings,
David Rodrigues and Timothy Oakes*



David Rodrigues - March 04, 2022 at 07:37 AM

BC

“ *My condolences to Neil's family. I will always remember his love of his art, our conversations about it and our grand plans for an exhibition of tiny pieces in a big space - as it ought to be.*

Brian Cope - February 06, 2022 at 11:49 AM

PM

“ *I'm so sorry to hear such sad news. My condolences to family and friends of Neil. He was a dynamic, strong minded, lots of stories, with a booming voice. We shared lots of coffee together. May his Spirit Soar. 🙏*

Paul Moore - February 04, 2022 at 09:15 AM

IR

“ *Dearest Anne and family,
Our deepest sympathies for the sudden, sad loss of your beloved Neil.
May the sharing of memories together bring comfort and solace to all of you.*

With all our love, Irene & Martin



Irene - February 03, 2022 at 07:22 PM

MN

“ *Dear Anne,
I am so sad for your loss of your son Neil Nathan. A tragedy that no one should have to endure. My condolences. May his memory forever be a blessing.*

*Marlee Novak
Danforth Jewish Circle Member*

Marlee Novak - January 31, 2022 at 04:07 PM

 John
Allan

“ *I will always remember Neil. Condolences to The Amitay Family and to Neil's many beloved friends.* ”



John Allan - January 31, 2022 at 10:42 AM

MH

Although I didn't know Neil really well I always remember him from meetings that we attended together over the years. He was always personable and very kind and a good listener. A very likeable soul my condolences to the family for the loss of your son. Happy journeys Neil!



Mark Holmes - February 06, 2022 at 12:18 AM