



John L. Neher, M.D.

November 15, 1932 - July 22, 2016

John Lewis Neher, loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, passed away Saturday, July 22, 2016 with his wife by his side as she had been during his 9-month illness. John passed in Bonita Springs at Joanne's House at Hope Hospice. He was born November 15, 1932 in South Bend, IN son of the late Theodore "Ted" R. and Margaret Lydia (Hausmann) Neher.

Adopting the nickname of Budsy, he was a graduate from Washington Clay High School in South Bend, IN where he was the salutatorian of his graduating class of 1951. While at Washington Clay he was a member of the Minutemen Club and was a letterman playing baseball, softball, cross country, track and basketball, wearing the #23 jersey as a member of the 1951 sectional championship basketball team where he played under coach Hershel Eaton, along side future all-American Don Schlundt.

John graduated pre-med at the University of Notre Dame where he joined the ROTC. He went on to study medicine at Indiana University, graduating in 1958. He did his residency at the now-closed St. Francis Hospital in Beech Grove, Indiana. John returned home to South Bend and did his internship at Memorial Hospital. He then practiced family medicine for 27 years. He also directed medical services at the Northern Indiana State Children's Hospital for 25 years and served several years on the sideline as the physician for the Clay High School basketball team. While in South Bend, Indiana during the

1970s he delivered the first set of triplets.

In 1986 John retired and moved to Naples then later to Bonita Springs. In 1987 he returned to medicine working for Naples Community Hospital, under Dr. Robert Tober at the Urgent Care Centers on Marco Island and Golden Gate until 1999.

Surviving is his wife of 36 years, Sharon Lynn Neher of Bonita Springs; two sons, John A. (wife Donna) Neher, of Houma, Louisiana and James B. Neher of Fishers, Indiana from his previous marriage to Janice R. Hartung; a stepson, Jon R. (Kimb) Miller of Niles, Michigan; adopted daughter Jennifer Johnson of Naples, FL; He is also survived by grandchildren, Carolee (David) Peterson of Dunham Springs, Louisiana, Brandi (Olin) Williams of Bauxite, Arkansas, Victoria (Tony) Hinojosa of Bakersfield, CA, Kevin Johnson, Ralph Johnson II and Karoline Johnson all of Naples, Florida. Great-grandchildren Cale, Briggs, Wyatt and Shaw Peterson. Brother Ted (wife Gail) Neher of Colorado Springs, Colorado; sister Diane Van Heldorf of Westchester, Pennsylvania; a niece, two nephews and several great nieces and nephews. Also surviving is his beloved companion Princess Piper, his maltese dog.

John enjoyed boating, fishing, golfing, his 150 orchids, furry girls (dogs) and grandchildren until his death. He had a true passion for Notre Dame football. He was a member of the Community Congregational Church in Bonita Springs.

A memorial service will be held on August 27, 2016 from 6 -8 PM at the Kern Road Mennonite Church, 18211 Kern Road, South Bend, IN 46614. A second service will be held at a later date at Community Congregational Church in Bonita Springs, FL.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorial contributions to Hope Hospice

9470 Health Park Circle Fort Myers, FL 33908, the American Heart Association or the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

AUG 27. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Kern Road Mennonite Church
18211 Kern Road
South Bend, IN 46614

Tribute Wall



“ *John L. Neher, M.D.*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of Dr. Neher's passing. He and Ed were so close, working together at NISH. He was our Dr. for years thru all of our sicknesses. He even called me from Fla when Ed passed away. I will miss his Christmas cards.*

Norma Trader

Norma Trader - August 07, 2016 at 08:22 PM



“ *My family and I were patients of Dr. Neher's from 1955 until he left his practice on State Rd. 23. He was an amazing doctor and a good man. Back in those days, he even made house calls. Dr. Neher was always sympathetic to a harried mother of 5 boys and we depended on him during emergencies. May God reward him for the blessings he gave to all of us. He will be lovingly remembered. Jennie Statzer Plawecki*

Jennie Statzer Plawecki - August 03, 2016 at 06:25 PM



“ *It saddens us to learn of the passing of Dr. Neher. He was our family doctor and friend in South Bend for many years, delivered our two younger daughters, and tended to the medical needs of our family of five. We greatly appreciate the excellent care and concern Dr. Neher showed and the many times he helped us. Our prayers go out to Mrs. Neher and the family. God bless! Ron & Doris Menges*

Ron & Doris Menges - August 02, 2016 at 09:13 PM

JW

“ Thanks for delivering me and my 3 older brothers. Jim, Barry, David and Mark Wolff. And thanks for stitching us all up over numerous times as being boys and what boys get into! Rest in peace, thoughts and prayers to the entire family.

james wolff - August 02, 2016 at 10:42 AM

KJ

“ Dr. Neher was our family doctor while I was growing up. My dad taught at Clay and mom was an RN (working for him while I was in high school), so I saw Dr. Neher not just when I was sick. Thinking of him makes me smile. My condolences to the family . . . may your faith, family and friends bring you strength and comfort.

Karen Johnson

Karen Johnson - August 02, 2016 at 10:26 AM

SP

“ Sharon, Condolences to you and to John's loving, extended family. It's been many years since we have seen each other but I've thought of you often. Very glad to know you had 36 years together.

Stephanie Maher Phillips

stephanie maher phillips - August 01, 2016 at 03:45 PM

SC

Dear Sharon and the Neher Family, John was not only a wonderful and respected doctor who sincerely cared about his patients, he became a very dear friend to my family. We will always hold a special place in our hearts for him. May God give you comfort and peace during this difficult time.

*Much Love,
Susan Caldwell and the Mumford Family*

Susan Caldwell - August 02, 2016 at 09:14 AM

RO

we are so sorry about the passing of your dad . mom worked for him and he was a wonderful person our prayers are with you and your family he hung around chuckes parents too love chuck rosemary Charlie and missy olson

rosemary olson - August 02, 2016 at 11:42 AM

DB

Bob and I always had the highest regard for John as both a physician and a friend. He was Top Notch! He will be sorely missed on this earth. With love, bob and Diane Bedore

Diane Bedore - August 04, 2016 at 11:50 AM

MF

We are very sorry to hear of Dr. Neher passing. He was a great person and doctor. He delivered my sister and I (twins) and another set of twins for my mother Shirley Felty.He will be missed, rest in peace doc! Michael & Patti Felty

Michael & Patti Felty - August 04, 2016 at 10:30 PM

GF

Sharon - We were so sorry to hear of John 's passing. I have a lot of fond memories of him from working together at NISH. Sincerest sympathy to you and your family. Tim and Gwen Foose

Gwen Foose - August 13, 2016 at 02:16 PM