



Neil Woolley

September 30, 1927 - August 20, 2015

Neil Woolley

Lake Arthur: Neil was born in East St. Louis, ILL on September 30, 1927, the only child of Joseph D. Woolley and Ann Marie Keener. He was called to his Heavenly Father on August 20, 2015 while surrounded by his loving family. Neil began his music career at the tender age of fourteen and at seventeen, he joined the big bands as a vocalist and trumpet player, embarking on a career that lasted over a decade. Neil went on to have a successful career in broadcasting and journalism for the next forty-five years. Neil was loved by many and will be greatly missed by all.

Neil leaves behind to cherish his memories his beloved wife of 67 years, Dorothy Woolley of Lake Arthur, LA; two sons, Richard Woolley of Lake Arthur, LA, Joel Woolley of Lake Arthur, LA; two daughters, Kathleen Kyzar of San Antonio, TX, Camilla Basham of New Orleans, LA; as well as ten grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Neil was preceded in death by parents, Joseph D Woolley and Ann Marie Keener Woolley.

Funeral services for Neil Woolley, 87 of Lake Arthur, LA will be held at Matthews and Son Funeral Home on Saturday, August 22, 2015 at 1:00 PM

with Father Clint Trahan officiating. Visitation will be held at Matthews & Son Funeral Home on Saturday, August 22nd from 12:30 PM until 1:00 PM. Neil will be laid to rest in St. Anthony Mausoleum.

Carrying Neil to his final resting place in St. Anthony Mausoleum will be Richard Woolley, Joel Woolley, Stephen Moncla, Shane Teal, Eric Moncla and Colin Moncla. Honorary pallbearers will be Craig Kyzar and Joey Duhon.

To extend online condolences, please visit our website at www.matthewsandsfuneralhome.net

Arrangements have been entrusted to Matthews & Son Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Andrus Cove Cemetery

Andrus Cove Cemetery Rd
Jennings, LA 70546

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 22. 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Matthews Funeral Home - LAKE ARTHUR
314 Kellogg Street
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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Neil Woolley*

January 28, 2023 at 04:12 PM



“ *Mr. Woolley was a big part of my growing up in Lake Charles, LA, as he was the weatherman for KPLC-TV 7, next to Gary Tyler (News) and Sam Tarleton (sports). After a little traveling, I was thrilled to see him on TV again, only, this time on Lafayette's KATC-3. I always made sure that when there was an anniversary show for either station, that he was remembered. I'm sorry I am just learning about his passing, but his memories live on. God Bless his family.*

Lou Brock - June 12, 2017 at 03:14 PM



“ *Our Deepest sympathy for your loss. Our prayers are with you in this time of sorrow.
Jim & Sue LeGros.*

Jemes R LeGros - September 06, 2015 at 08:32 PM



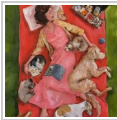
“ *You are all in our prayers and thoughts*

stacy chambers - August 29, 2015 at 11:28 PM

PB

“ Dear Dorothy and Entire Woolley Family,
I am so very sorry for your loss and the passing of Uncle Noel.
I have fond memories of watching Uncle Noel broadcast growing
up, Noel was very much a professional and had a charm and quick
wit.
I always admired what a happy couple you both were. Please know
that death is just another beginning into internal life. May God Bless
you Dorothy and keep you in his love this day and always. Rest In
Peace Uncle Noel.
Paul Begneaud (Marcella's husband)

Paul Begneaud - August 22, 2015 at 10:44 AM



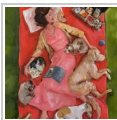
Paul, thank you so much for your sweet words. We love you, Marcy
and the kids very much and are grateful to have you in our lives. The
Woolley Family.

Camilla Michelle - August 29, 2015 at 11:29 PM

BG

“ I am so sorry for your loss! I remember him fondly. He and my dad,
Sam Beazer worked at KJEF in Jennings at the same time. I would
go with my dad at times on Friday nights. I went to school with Joel.
Know that I will be praying for the family.
Dianne

Bridgid Dianne Beazer Glaeser - August 22, 2015 at 10:04 AM



Bridgid, Joel and his family thank you from the bottom of our hearts for
your kind sentiments regarding Neil. The Woolley Family.

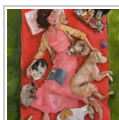
Camilla Michelle - August 29, 2015 at 11:27 PM

CB

“ My heart goes out to you all.. I am sorry that I can't be there today.. I want you all to know that you are all in my heart and prayers.. I have many memories of time spent at your house. Neil was a kind and caring person.

Carolyn Duhon Broussard

carolyn broussard - August 22, 2015 at 09:03 AM



Carolyn, thank you for your thoughtful words and kind memories of Neil. He was, indeed, a kind and caring person. The Woolley Family.

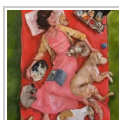
Camilla Michelle - August 29, 2015 at 11:26 PM

KP

“ I greatly enjoyed working with Neil at an ad agency in the late 70s. His many stories of time in the Big Band era always amused me. I often think of him and some of the times we had working together. He was a big man with a kind heart. Neil, I hope you're playing 1st trumpet with that big band in the sky.

Kerry Palmer, Lafayette

Kerry Palmer - August 22, 2015 at 07:44 AM



Dearest Kerry, thank you for sharing your fond memories of Neil. He was an amazing man. The Woolley Family.

Camilla Michelle - August 29, 2015 at 11:24 PM

AB

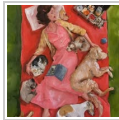
So sorry for your loss. My prayers are being sent to family. My fondest memory of "Uncle Neil" was when I was 4 1/2 years old. I will never never forget Uncle Neil, although he wasn't my real uncle. Reason-- There was a contest at KJEF in 1950 about writing a letter to Santa Claus=My dad had polio and was in New Orleans-surgery -Santa Claus would not come that year, explained by my mom to us 5 children. One of my sisters (9 yr old) helped me write the letter. Neil showed up on our porch that Christmas Eve with a gift for each of us. Doll for me-double gun holster set for my brother 6 yrs old and three sets of (imitation) pearls necklace sets for my sisters. Said Santa Claus picked my letter to win. I asked Mom who he was, said that was "Uncle Neil" Santa's helper. This has been the BEST Memory in all my 65 yrs (I am 69) I will never forget Neil. He Did this unselfish delivery on CHRISTMAS EVE.

Anna Ardoin Breaux - October 22, 2015 at 08:33 AM

BB


“ *Our prayers go out to the Family. Mr Neil was wonderful kind person. He will be missed. R.I.P.*

Butch and Sandra G. Bertrand - August 21, 2015 at 11:30 AM



Butch and Sandra, thank you so much for your condolences. They are greatly appreciated. The Woolley Family.

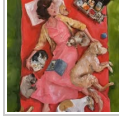
Camilla Michelle - August 29, 2015 at 11:23 PM

 Sherry Livingston

“ *My prayer are with all of you during this time. My father Gary Tyler loved working with Neil. I remember how he would always pick on me when I would see him. He had a great personality.He was one of my fathers true friends.*

Sherry Tyler Livingston

Sherry Livingston - August 21, 2015 at 10:57 AM



Neil spoke often of your father, Gary Tyler and thought very highly of him. He was a true friend, indeed. Thank you. The Woolley Family.

Camilla Michelle - August 29, 2015 at 11:22 PM



“ *White Rose Fireside Basket was purchased for the family of Neil Woolley.*

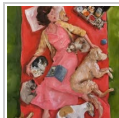


August 20, 2015 at 11:10 PM



“ *Enjoyed watching Neil every evening. Our prayers are with his family*

norman saltzman - August 20, 2015 at 09:49 PM



Thank you so much for your thoughts and prayers, Mr. Saltzman.

Camilla Michelle - August 29, 2015 at 11:21 PM



“ *Neil and I worked together at the Lake Arthur Sun Times Newspaper for a number of years. He was a truly fine, talented person with a great sense of humor and intelligence who loved his family immensely. And he was blessed with a voice that seemed to come from the Heavens! RIP, my cherished friend. And condolences to the Woolley family from the Rizzuto family in Gueydan. The entire Acadiana area has lost one of its very best.*

Michael Rizzuto - August 20, 2015 at 07:05 PM

AV

I am sorry to hear of Neil's passing. I have lots of memories of the guy who played a beautiful trumpet sound in a combo we had for a while. Also his replacing me at KJEF in Jennings as disc jockey. He had a great voice, a great voice and sense of humor. My regret is we didn't have a lot of contact after I left Jennings. I am sure he will be missed by his family and regret I cannot travel to Lake Arthur because I recently had major heart surgery. Al Viguerie

Albert Viguerie - August 22, 2015 at 12:01 PM

TS

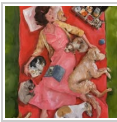
I worked with Neil in Lafayette and would enjoy listening to him talk about the Big Band era and his days on the radio in St Louis. My favorite times were when Neil and Floyd Cormier would sit around the radio station and swap stories. I truly treasure his memory --

TD Smith - August 22, 2015 at 07:52 PM

CH

Mr. Woolley was a good man and a great broadcaster. We will not see his likes again.

Chuck Huebner - August 26, 2015 at 04:49 PM



Dear Mr. Viguerie, Neil spoke of you often and tried to contact you (a message that went in your "other folder" on Facebook) prior to his death. Thank you for your words here and all the best on a speedy recovery. Mr. Smith and Mr. Heubner, Neil though highly of you both. Thank you for your kind words. They are greatly appreciated in this time of mourning. The Woolley Family.

Camilla Michelle - August 29, 2015 at 11:18 PM



Mr. Rizzuto, we can not thank you enough for your kind words and sentiments. Much love from the Woolley family.

Camilla Michelle - August 29, 2015 at 11:20 PM