



## Neil H. McElhearn

May 27, 1961 - November 4, 2020

Neil H. McElhearn, 59 a lifelong Staten Islander passed away on Wednesday, November 4, 2020, at home surrounded by his loving family after a long battle with cancer.

Born Saturday, May 27, 1961 in Staten Island, NY, he was the devoted son of the late John F. McElhearn Sr. who passed away in June and the late Virginia Groll McElhearn.

Neil a graduate and Alumni of Farrell High school held the Schools record for the longest pass reception after catching a 95 yard pass to score, a record he still holds today.

Following College at Stanford, Neil became a Tugboat Dispatcher for Reinhauer Transportation Co. here on Staten Island.

Neil loved sports, he devotedly coached and refereed SI Pee Wee Football leagues many teams. When not coaching or reffing, he could be found following his favorite teams on Television, the NY Yankees, Jets, Cowboys, and Rangers.

Neil loved most just being with his family from his walks with Maureen everyday to just holding his grandchildren, Neil cherished every moment of it.

He was the beloved husband of 18 years to Maureen Sullivan.

Devoted father of Neil H. McElhearn, Jr., Michael Sobiesiak, and daughter, Keryn DiMartino,. Adored father in law of Eva McElhearn, Shannon Sobiesiak, and John DiMartino. Dear brother of John F, McElhearn Jr. and his husband Carl and Tracy McDowell and her husband Dennis.

Cherished grandfather of Jordan McElhearn and Maclyn Sobiesiak

A Mass of Christian Rite will be offered at 10:30 AM on Monday November 9, 2020 at St. Thomas the Apostle Church located at 6135 Amboy Rd Staten Island, New York 10309.

The family will receive friends from 4:00 PM to 9:00 PM on Sunday, November 8, 2020, at John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals, Inc., 28 Eltingville Blvd, Staten Island, New York.

Please be mindful due to the current State mandate that a mask must be worn at all times in the funeral home and social distancing requirements must be followed during the services. Due to the current Pandemic a strict 40-50 person in room policy is in effect, please adhere to this policy and allow others to pay their respects as well.

Due to the current pandemic circumstances please note:

We do not accept deliveries from outside vendors for bakery products, fruit baskets, and floral arrangements until further notice.

Floral Arrangements can be purchased from our in house floral designers who work under the most stringent sanitary conditions which include temperature

checks, mask wearing, distancing and protective clothing.

We must protect the families we serve, our staff and our own. Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.scaliahome.com](http://www.scaliahome.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 8. 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals, Inc.  
28 Eltingville Blvd  
Staten Island, NY 10312

## Service

NOV 9. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Thomas the Apostle Church  
6135 Amboy Rd  
Staten Island, NY 10309

# Tribute Wall



“ Neil H. McElhearn

October 04, 2023 at 06:13 PM



“ Took me a little bit to write this, but Neal was such a good friend, coworker, and a charismatic person that it's hard to vision him not with us anymore. Every time we chatted his spirits were always bright and cheerful. May he Rest in peace and look down upon us with the Joyful spirit inside him. God Bless you Neal. Christopher Leek & Family, RTC 28



Christopher Leek - December 17, 2020 at 08:24 AM



“ We were so sorry to hear of the passing of Neil. Our heart felt thoughts go out to you in this time of sorrow. May our prayers ease the pain of your loss. He was a kind and friendly individual. Neil will be greatly missed by the whole Reinauer fleet. There is not a crew member aboard that didn't know and respect Neil. Neil would always make sure that we were in place and on time for our crew change and the Men aboard really appreciated and relied on Neil for his diligence. He was quick witted and fun to banter with, always having a laugh with you. There was never enough time to talk sports with Neil, which was his passion. Neil would always take the time to talk with you and we were always grateful when he was in for the night shift. Neil will remain in our hearts and memories forever. A true and respected friend ! We will miss you dearly.

*The Crew of the Matthew Tibbetts*

Joel Rice - November 08, 2020 at 11:40 AM

JR

“ It was a pleasure to have known him, he always had time for you. He will certainly be missed. Thanks for being you. R.I.P. old friend!  
John Rogoff

John Rogoff - November 07, 2020 at 11:12 PM

MD

“ From The crew of the Tug Timothy and the RTC 84,  
We will all miss Neil. He was a good man who would always go out of his way for you if you needed something. If it was within his power to make a crew change easier for you Neil would make it happen. We will all miss the " Neil Show" during the first hour of his watch when the usually boring radio was full of comedy. Rest in Peace Buddy.  
Mike Dunn and Crew

Michael Dunn - November 07, 2020 at 08:28 PM

AU

“ Alex & Barbara Ust purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Neil H. McElhearn.



Alex & Barbara Ust - November 07, 2020 at 07:57 PM

MM

“ Neil and I became friends many years ago and played softball together for several years. He was always just a great guy. Never had an ill word to say about anyone. I'll always remember the good times we had together. Rest in peace my friend.

Michael McAuliffe - November 07, 2020 at 07:10 PM

BD

“ Bill Dunn purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Neil H. McElhearn.



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**Bill Dunn** - November 07, 2020 at 06:25 PM

RS

“ Neil was absolutely a good person. He was an interesting guy who would go out of the way for you if you needed him. I remember working with him when he ran the momack landscaping crew. At every stop he would talk to his customers like they were family and if you knew neil, he would talk and talk and then talk some more. I think in general he just liked to share his thoughts with people and at the same time listen to them about theirs.

*The one thing I always knew is that he very much cared for his wife Maureen. He talked about her all the time.*

*Amazingly, through all the pain, medication and doctor visits he never complained and always stayed positive. I was thankful in recent months to have shared time with him and talk about sports , life in general etc etc. He was a sports fanatic and would never miss a cowboys football game. He was also a very good football player for the powerhouse Farrell football team of the 1970's.*

*Rest in peace my man.*

*Rich Sullivan*

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**rich sullivan** - November 07, 2020 at 04:52 PM

JR

“ Neil was a good man. We could always count on him to help make a crew change happen or to listen to me vent about something at 4:30 AM. We are going to miss him across the Reinauer fleet.

Josh Pierce, Tug Curtis Reinauer - November 07, 2020 at 03:35 PM

BR

“ You will be missed by all who knew you. You were always quick with a smile and a joke. We had some great conversations over the years...sports of course, but also talks about life, family, which I knew were so important to you. I want to extend my deepest sympathies and thoughts to the family. Neil was one of a kind...I'm glad I knew him.

Bill Archer, Tug Austin Reinauer - November 07, 2020 at 08:29 AM

MF

“ Mike and Emily Ferrara purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Neil H. McElhearn.



Mike and Emily Ferrara - November 07, 2020 at 05:51 AM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Neil H. McElhearn.



November 06, 2020 at 11:10 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Neil H. McElhearn.*



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November 06, 2020 at 10:41 PM



“ *The Crews of the Curtis Reinauer - RTC 82 purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Neil H. McElhearn.*



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**The Crews of the Curtis Reinauer - RTC 82** - November 06, 2020 at 05:46 PM



“ *Crew of the RTC 60..We will miss you Neil. Great guy to have a laugh with. It is a real privilege to have known you. Yes, You certainly was a sports encyclopedia. May god take you to his kingdom in the sky. My condolences to his family RIP NEIL. Jeffrey Pooler RTC 60*

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**Jeffrey Pooler** - November 06, 2020 at 05:31 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Neil H. McElhearn.*



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November 06, 2020 at 05:22 PM

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“ Crew of the Bert Reinauer / RTC 165 purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Neil H. McElhearn.



Crew of the Bert Reinauer / RTC 165 - November 06, 2020 at 03:13 PM

FG

“ From - The RTC Dispatch Gang purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of Neil H. McElhearn.



From - The RTC Dispatch Gang - November 06, 2020 at 02:36 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Neil H. McElhearn.



November 06, 2020 at 02:29 PM

LW

“ Larry & Mary Williamson purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Neil H. McElhearn.



Larry & Mary Williamson - November 06, 2020 at 02:28 PM

GS

“ *My condolences to family and friends Neil you will be missed but not forgotten. We had some good laughs through the years at Reinauer*

*Gerald Scott*

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**Gerald Scott** - November 06, 2020 at 12:48 PM

JW

“ *Neil was a good man always had some good old stories to tell he will be greatly missed by every one at Reicon*

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**jeffrey wollman** - November 06, 2020 at 11:30 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Neil H. McElhearn.*



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November 06, 2020 at 11:21 AM

CB

“ *Thank you to the family for sharing him with us all these years. He was a friend first to all of us out on the water. It didn't matter what time of day or night, he always took your call if you needed an ear to bend. Neil, you will be greatly missed.*

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**Chris Blauberg** - November 06, 2020 at 11:18 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Neil H. McElhearn.



November 06, 2020 at 09:12 AM



“ Very sad news for all of us that worked with Neil at Reinauer. Neil was an exceptional dispatcher that truly cared about the crews of the Tugs he was responsible for dispatching. Always doing what ever he could to make our lives easier on the boats. Always good for a good sports bantering. I will truly miss Neil and his passion. My sincere condolences to his family and friends.  
Pete Monks

**Peter Monks** - November 06, 2020 at 08:25 AM



Neil you were a true friend I'm going to miss our chats!!!! You made working just that much more tolerable, and always helped and went out of your way to get us off on time hope you are resting easy and kook forward to seeing you again up their some day... while your up there ahead of us can you please do something about them yankees we need all the help we can get... goodbye old friend

**James zeller** - November 06, 2020 at 01:18 PM



“ Laura lit a candle in memory of Neil H. McElhearn



**Laura** - November 05, 2020 at 06:06 PM