



## Neil Allen

December 29, 1980 - January 26, 2021

Neil Allen, 40, of Danville, VA died unexpectedly on Tuesday, January 26, 2021 at Sovah Health.

Neil was born in Danville, VA on December 29, 1980, son of Ronald M. Allen and the late Cheryl Morgan Allen. He grew up in the Danville area where he graduated from George Washington High School Class of 1999 where he was a four-year member of the George Washington Symphony Orchestra. Neil then went on to graduate from Queens University in Charlotte, NC and received his B.S. degree in Corporate Communications. After graduation he used his education to pursue a career in I.T. Management; working for Queens University, Chapel Hill Public School System and Elon College in Burlington, NC.

Neil's greatest passion in life was art and music. His love for music started more than twenty years ago and he was a self-taught multi-instrumentalist; being able to play various instruments ranging from the guitar, piano, drums and harmonica. Throughout his musical career he became a singer and an accomplished songwriter. His most recent accomplishment being an album titled "P.M. Gold" which was entirely produced by Neil, even the album cover art. Neil's talents will truly be missed by all that knew him.

In addition to his father of Danville, VA, Neil is survived by his sister, Jennifer Allen of Danville; a niece, Jenna Thurman and fiancé, Charlie Haige of Roanoke, VA; and nephews, Stone Thurman of Los Angeles, CA and Noah Thurman of Danville, VA.

A private graveside service will be conducted at Highland Burial Park.

In lieu of flowers the family suggest that memorial donations be made to the Danville Humane Society at P.O Box 3352, Danville, VA 24543.<http://www.dahsinc.com/site/572-2/>

Neil wanted to be remembered as a musician, songwriter, singer and friend.

Wrenn-Yeatts North Main Chapel is respectfully serving the family.



# Cemetery

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## **Highland Burial Park**

3049 North Main Street

Danville, VA,

# Comments

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“ Neil was always a sweet friend and exceptional songwriter from the music community in Charlotte. My heart is with your family and loved ones now.

**Anna Bullard** - January 31 at 03:26 PM

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“ Dear Ronny and family, All of the Marsh family were so sad to hear of your great loss. Neil was an exceptionally talented young man in so many ways and know he will be sorely missed by all of his family and friends so much. May your treasured memories comfort you in those difficult times. Fond regards, Sandra, Robert, Andrew and Clinton Marsh



**Sandra Marsh** - January 31 at 09:48 AM

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“ Ronnie,  
I'm so sorry for the loss of your son! I remember you telling me years ago about the first time you surprised Neil when he was playing a gig out of town. I could see how proud you are of him. My prayers are lifted up for you and your family! May God give you comfort.

Deepest Condolences,  
Tina Tatum



**Tatum Tina** - January 31 at 06:52 AM

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“ Ronnie, I am so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Jackie and Dale Smith



Jackie T Smith - January 30 at 05:08 PM

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“ I am just heartbroken to learn about Neil's passing. He was indeed a kind soul and ever so talented. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Kate (Wickers) Wilson - January 30 at 11:05 AM

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“ Ronnie I am so sorry to hear about Neil. I know the pain of loosing a son when he is this young since I just lost my son 2 years ago at the age of 44. If there is anything I can do to help you get through this please call me. I will be Praying for you and Jennifer and all the family. Jane Turner.

Jane Turner - January 30 at 10:27 AM

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“ Neil was one of the first friends of my life. We were inseparable from the time we were six years old, throughout our entire childhood. He meant so much to me that I invited him to play guitar as I walked down the aisle in my wedding. As a kid, Neil was notorious for his wild humor. He broke every rule and I absolutely loved it. Who could forget when he hid an entire meatloaf in the bushes so he wouldn't have to eat it? Or when he responded to being punished by "taking away" a few of his parents' items in retaliation? What about the time a ten-year-old Neil threw my dad's Zippo lighter in the lake? Bold move, sir. I respected that boldness. As a kid, he was the prime inspiration of delicious rebellion. My own child is now ten. He idolizes Neil as the ultimate bad-a\*\* kid, based solely on the many stories I've told. The world has lost a joker, an artist, a man who was the epitome of cool. Neil, I have diary entries from 1987, saying that one day I would marry you. I still have those diaries. I still have letters you wrote me when you were just a boy. I will always love you. Ronnie, my deepest condolences. Neil will never be forgotten by me.

Lindsay (Burton) Byron - January 30 at 10:20 AM



“ I am heartbroken to hear this news about Neil. He was a dear friend from early childhood through adulthood. I have fond memories of playing music with him throughout high school and enjoyed the many times we reconnected as adults. A raw, natural talent. A sharp, witty sense of humor. A deeply caring and authentic human being who brought a lot of joy to my life. I have always admired and been inspired by his musicality - the kind that cannot be taught. Music was home for both of us weirdos growing up in a small town, and our shared musical experiences gave us somewhere and something to belong to. Neil was not afraid to take the road less traveled, and he taught me to break a few rules, to color outside of the lines and to not take myself too seriously. I am grateful that we grew up together, and he will be missed. I am sending Ronnie, Jennifer and Neil's family and friends peace and strength during this difficult time. Rest easy, friend.

**Katie Meadows** - January 30 at 09:42 AM

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“ Sorry to hear about Neil. God be with you during this time.

Darrell Finney

**Darrell Finney** - January 30 at 09:30 AM

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“ My heart is heavy from the news of Neil. He and I were classmates (class of 1999) and members of the Symphony at GW. We were also orchestra officers together. He was a very talented bass player and principal chair of his section. There are so many memories of Neil that I will cherish. He could always make me smile. My sincere condolences to your family.

Frenita

**Frenita Wilson Griffin** - January 30 at 09:00 AM

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“ Beverly Allen Wykel lit a candle in memory of Neil Allen



**Beverly Allen Wykel** - January 30 at 03:46 AM



“ Im so sorry Ronnie and Jennifer. I m praying for you both and I know it's hard on you and I can't imagine what you're going through. Im really sorry. I just heard about Neal. I know you all will keep his memories alive in his music and all of the great times you've had together.

I love you y'all!

Beverly

**Beverly Allen Wykel** - January 30 at 03:51 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear about Neil's passing. We were classmates at GW and he was always such a nice guy. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.

Heather Elliott Shrader

**Heather Elliott Shrader** - January 30 at 10:09 AM



“ Dear Ronnie and Jennifer,  
On behalf of your Atkinson cousins, please know that we love you and are so very sorry to learn about your son. I wish I'd had the privilege of spending time with him, and that you could have decades more time with him. Praying God's peace and comfort for your family.

**Phyllis Atkinson Robinson** - January 30 at 01:22 PM



“ Ronnie, Ken and I are so sorry for the loss of your talented son. May the many wonderful memories sustain you through these difficult days. Always remember God's love , support and blessings are everlasting. Love and prayers, Gail and Ken Bass

**Gail** - January 30 at 02:27 PM



“ Ronnie, I am so heart broken to hear this about Neil. He was such a kind soul, and was nothing but kind to me growing up. Many prayers for you and Jennifer at this time. May God's love carry you through. Love and prayers, Mary Paige Barksdale

**Mary Paige Barksdale** - February 01 at 09:37 AM