



Howard Neil Jobe

July 15, 1937 - December 11, 2025

Howard "Neil" Jobe, age 88, passed away peacefully on December 11, 2025 in Brentwood, Tennessee.

Neil was born on July 15, 1937 in Nashville, Tennessee. He was raised by his mother, beloved aunt and maternal grandparents on a small farm in Dickson, TN with his younger brother. He and Bea raised their four daughters first in Dickson. In 1975, they moved to the farm in Primm Springs, where they resided until they moved to Brentwood, Tennessee in January, 2025. Neil and Bea proudly placed Jobe Farm in the Land Trust of Tennessee several years ago. Neil was a member and leader at Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church for 47 years and more recently a member of Brentwood United Methodist Church.

Neil had a lifelong love of hunting ducks, quail and doves, as well as fishing. He was a longtime member of Ducks Unlimited and was a wildlife conservationist at heart.

Neil highly valued education and his own remarkable educational background included graduating from Dickson Co. High School, Martin College, Tennessee Polytechnic Institute, and he earned a masters degree in animal husbandry at The University of Tennessee, as well as earning 45 post-graduate hours at the University of Tennessee, Nashville.

Neil lived a life of service in church, agriculture, education, addiction support and as a good neighbor. In his young adult years, he was the youth director and choir director at Dickson United Methodist Church. He worked as assistant UT agriculture extension agent in Clarksville, science teacher at Notsulga High School in Notasulga, AL, vocational agriculture educator and FFA sponsor at Dickson High School, principal of Hickman County High School, administrator for Hickman County Schools and alternative school teacher for Maury County Schools. Neil provided assessments and support in seeking treatment for people struggling with addiction.

Neil served faithfully on the following boards: Martin Methodist College Trustees (1984-2023), Buffalo Valley Board of Directors (1982-2024) and St. Thomas Hickman County Hospital Board.

Some acknowledgements of Neil's service include Dickson Co. Schools Distinguished Young Educator Award, The Hickman Co. Chamber of Commerce 2011 W.E. and Mable McDonald Citizenship Award, Martin Methodist College President's Medallion, Hickman Co. Schools Leave a Legacy Award and the 2007 Women are Safe Professionals Who Care Award.

Neil is survived by his devoted wife of 64 years, Beatrice Boehms Jobe, daughters Alison Rogers (David), Janet Byers (Joel Maners), Dana Arnold (Forest), Nelia Jobe, special son Welvin Williams (Rhonda), brother Jeff Jobe (Cynthia), grandchildren Daniel, Jessica, Stephen and Andrew Byers, Rachel Rose (Matthew) and Lauren Spell (Nate), Jobe, Aiden (Jules) and Micah Arnold, Alicia Taylor (Brett), Sara, Cameron and Forrest Maners, great-grandchildren Olórin Arnold, Paxton and Wesley Taylor and many beloved nieces and nephews.

Neil is preceded in death by mother Cornelia Cox Jobe Downey, step-father

Paul Downey, beloved aunt Margaret Cox, and brother Larry Jobe.

A memorial service will be held at McDonald Funeral Home in Centerville, TN on Saturday, December 27, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.; preceded by visitation from 10:30 a.m. – 1:15 p.m., followed by burial at Little Lot Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Martin Methodist Foundation -- Religious Fund Scholarship at this link: bit.ly/3KZGc09 (Scroll down at this link to find this fund)

Or by check payable to Martin Methodist Foundation -- Religious Fund Scholarship and mailed to:

Martin Methodist Foundation
Attn: Sara Finger
1908 Grand Ave., Suite 210
Nashville, TN 37212

Or

Hickman County Retired Teachers Assoc. Scholarship Fund
2834 Hillview Circle
Centerville, TN

Or

Shelter Friends of Hickman Co.
PO Box 111
Centerville, TN 37033

There will be a Facebook livestream of the service on McDonald Funeral Home, Inc. Facebook page or you can follow this link to the page:
<https://www.facebook.com/share/1G1u4oNkLn/>

Cemetery Details

Little Lot Cemetery

Duck River, TN

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 27. 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM (CT)

McDonald Funeral Home, Inc. - Hickman County
102 West End Ave.
Centerville, TN 37033
(931) 729-3561

Memorial Service

DEC 27. 1:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

MW

“ Mr. Jobe was an outstanding individual and principal. I remember how he would talk to students and expressed care for “his” young flock. Always treating everyone fairly. Even though I moved from Hickman county my senior year (1980), I still remember both Mr. and Ms. Jobe and their affectionate smiles. May God Bless the whole family and keep them them in His loving grace.



Mack Woodard - March 25 at 12:42 PM

JH

“ Principal Jobe was the greatest. One day my friend Mike put a "cowpie" in our friend Brenda's locker. Principal Jobe removed said pie and laughed so hard that we both had to laugh over it. He said "well, this is a first." Back in the 70's cows were close to the HCHS so the cowpies were plentiful. Rest in peace, Principal Jobe.

Jackie Hodge Herald - January 04 at 11:51 AM

SD

“ I met Neil in 1989 as he and other Board members of Buffalo Valley interviewed me for a job. Although he asked me every question he should not have, I instantly liked him because of his openness and humility. I learned about “the rut” when I naively tried to approach a big buck in the middle of the road. Neil informed me I was very fortunate to be alive! Oops! If you knew Neil, you were family. He and Bea have always been the most welcoming people I’ve ever met. I was fortunate to “catch up” with a lengthy phone call and planned to visit Neil & Bea after the holidays. I guess God had other plans. My heart goes out to Bea and the rest of the family. You were definitely loved by me Mr. Jobe! 💖

Shelly Dustin - January 03 at 11:09 PM

CM

“ *Cheeva McClearen lit a candle in memory of Howard Neil Jobe*



Cheeva McClearen - December 28, 2025 at 07:37 PM

BH

“ *Bettina Horner lit a candle in memory of Howard Neil Jobe*



Bettina Horner - December 28, 2025 at 02:04 PM



“ *One of the best men I've ever met in my life. He helped me numerous times in life from paddling me at school to looking out for me in court and everything in between and always showed up unexpectedly right when things looked their worst and would crush my hand as he shook it, pat me on the back and walk off and i'd know everything was going to be ok. A very loving and wise man to say the least. He'll be greatly missed. I moved away and lost touch with everyone for a long time but I'll always remember that firm handshake and his love for helping people.*

David Stinson - December 27, 2025 at 03:46 PM

BG

“ *Mr. Jobe was love and respected by all. He was an educator that many considered a legend. I enjoyed talking to him so much. Mrs. Jobe and his family are in my prayers. He left this world the only way he knew how, better off. Hickman Couny is a better off because of all the lives that Mr. Jobe touched in such a positive way.*



Brian Graham - December 27, 2025 at 11:24 AM

MT

“ *Mark E. Tune lit a candle in memory of Howard Jobe*



Mark E. Tune - December 27, 2025 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ *Roy & Sharon McCoy lit a candle in memory of Howard Jobe*



Roy & Sharon McCoy - December 26, 2025 at 05:18 PM

AW

Mr. Neil Jobe was always a wonderful human being. As Principal of HCSH in 1971 there were lots of challenges because of integration but Mr. Jobe always allowed you to feel heard regardless. I will never forget him for his kind but stern heart. I know for sure you have a front seat up there in heaven you good and faithful servant. Thank you Mr. Jobe

Anna Ward - December 27, 2025 at 12:16 PM

FW

“ *He was a wonderful person*



Felicia Wilbanks - December 26, 2025 at 11:06 AM

PW

“ *Pamela Denece Warf lit a candle in memory of Howard Jobe*



Pamela Denece Warf - December 25, 2025 at 09:11 PM

KV

“ *Neil was a mentor and true friend to me. Thank you for your care and love for others wellbeing. The family will be in our thoughts and prayers.*

Keith B. Vann - December 23, 2025 at 08:55 PM

CB

“ *Neil Jobe was a good man. He was the best principal thatr Hickman County High School ever had. My children were in high school when he was principal and they always spoke highly of him. He did so much for our County and also for many people with addiction problems. He will be remembered for all his good work.*



Connie Bowen - December 22, 2025 at 11:10 PM

JG

“ Neil Jobe was a true leader and inspiration to all who knew him. I have a lot of fond memories of Neil and of the family while working on his farm putting up “Backer” on those hot summer days, and Bea would put together a wonderful lunch for the few boys that were honored to work with the family in the tobacco fields! Neil always treated me with respect and I would do anything for him or the family! Good has a special place for Neil and I am honored to have know him like so many of you he was a great example of what we all should be like! Gob Bless the Jobe Family ! John T. Gilbert
HCHS ‘80

John Thomas Gilbert - December 22, 2025 at 12:53 PM

CM

“ My condolences to all the family...



Carolyn Moss - December 21, 2025 at 09:12 PM

SA

“ Steven & Anita Armstrong lit a candle in memory of Howard Jobe



Steven & Anita Armstrong - December 20, 2025 at 09:27 PM

BG

“ *Brian Graham lit a candle in memory of Howard Jobe*



Brian Graham - December 20, 2025 at 07:39 AM

SB

“ *Dear Bea, I'm so sorry for your loss of Neil. Phil and I dearly loved him. I'm sure he and Phil are quail hunting in glory right now! Much love, Sandy Buckner*

Sandy Buckner - December 19, 2025 at 11:22 PM

SA

“ *A dear friend. While in school Mr. Jobe was able to influence me in word and action. He was fair with all his students. I know we all will miss him. He was just one of the best. Condolences to Ms Bea and the family.*

Steve A Atkinson - December 19, 2025 at 07:43 PM

JE

“ *Neil Jobe was a great man and such an inspiration to many. When I began my teaching career, he and his wife Bea were so kind and encouraging to me. It was an honor to teach his two daughters Dana and Neilia. So many good music memories. Prayers.*

jackie brock elston - December 19, 2025 at 06:40 PM

WU

“ He loved his church, his family, and his students. As has already been said many times, “He was a good man”. This declaration is what we all strive for from others when we leave this life. Wayne Underhill, DHS Class of '70

Wayne Underhill - December 19, 2025 at 03:30 PM

LR

“ I was one of the MYF and Youth Choir members many years ago at Dickson FUMC. I have many wonderful memories of him and his leadership at both FUMC and Dickson High School. Prayers for peace and comfort for Bea and his entire family. Linda Harris Rucker, DHS Class of '71.

Linda Rucker - December 19, 2025 at 02:44 PM

PF

“ Janet and family, I'm so sorry for your loss. He sounds like a wonderful man and I know he will be missed greatly.

Pat Flemming - December 19, 2025 at 12:14 PM

KF

“ Karen Fox lit a candle in memory of Howard Jobe



Karen Fox - December 19, 2025 at 08:42 AM

MM

“ Janet and family, I am so sorry about your loss. I am holding you in my prayers.



Monicah Muhomba - December 18, 2025 at 09:42 PM

DE

“ I saw Mr. & Mrs. Jobe in Franklin a few months ago and they greeted me with such love. Our prayers are with the family.
Damon & Paulette Cathey



Damon Cathey, Ed.D. - December 18, 2025 at 05:33 PM

RS

“ Renee Shepard sent a virtual gift in memory of Howard Jobe



Renee Shepard - December 18, 2025 at 03:53 PM

ES

“ Ed and Melinda Sullivan lit a candle in memory of Howard Jobe



Ed and Melinda Sullivan - December 17, 2025 at 10:11 PM

TS

“ Tony & Faye Sanders lit a candle in memory of Howard Jobe



Tony & Faye Sanders - December 17, 2025 at 07:04 PM

JT

“ Janice Thompson(Elliott) lit a candle in memory of Neil Jobe



Janice Thompson(Elliott) - December 17, 2025 at 03:33 PM

WG

“ Neil was a good man and a good friend. The Jobe family is special to our family and we pray for comfort for all of them through these difficult days. John, Wanda Givens and Family

wanda Gvens - December 17, 2025 at 03:21 PM

DF

“ He was a Good Man. I met him several times at our annual Winters Family Reunions at New Antioch Church of Christ where our family cemetery is located. He even came to see me for lunch one time when I worked at The Loveless Cafe. My Condolences to his family. Danielle Fields

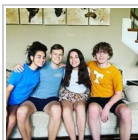
Danielle Fields - December 17, 2025 at 02:39 PM

AM

“ A completely honorable gentleman..prayers for comfort for his family.

April Miller

April Miller - December 17, 2025 at 12:39 PM



“ Neil will be greatly missed by many, especially everyone he personally touched through out his life. He was a wonderful friend to me and Rick!! I almost dreaded him coming to the shop to visit because his handshakes would almost put me on my knees...and his bear hugs would squeeze the breath from my lungs LOL!!! Rick and I have lost a sweet friend and mentor!! So sorry for your loss sweet Jobe family!! We love y'all!! God Bless you all!!



Jo Atkinson - December 17, 2025 at 09:56 AM

LW

“ Lynne Williams lit a candle in memory of Neil Jobe



Lynne Williams - December 17, 2025 at 09:20 AM

WP

“ Wayne & Jewell Prince lit a candle in memory of Neil Jobe



Wayne & Jewell Prince - December 17, 2025 at 09:07 AM

KA

“ I met Neil (known to me as Pa, not his grandchild) when I was 23 years old. I did not know him well, but the times that I did see him were special. The first time I met him, I had just moved to Louisville, Kentucky and was living with his daughter, Dana and son-in-law, Forest Arnold. I had not played the violin in several months and he asked me to play. I know he loved music and the joy that it brings. You will be missed. Prayers for Bea and your daughters.

Kat - December 16, 2025 at 10:45 PM

KS

“ Kathy Gossett Scott lit a candle in memory of Neil Jobe



Kathy Gossett Scott - December 16, 2025 at 08:15 PM

TP

“ Travis & Celine Powell lit a candle in memory of Neil Jobe



Travis & Celine Powell - December 16, 2025 at 08:14 PM

BL

“ Betty Litton lit a candle in memory of Neil Jobe



Betty Litton - December 16, 2025 at 05:26 PM

MM

“ *May his memory be a blessing, that makes you smile through moments of tears.* ”



Makayla Mensel - December 16, 2025 at 04:14 PM

TM

“ *Mr. Neil was one of the greatest I ever knew. Mr. Neil was a true believer of helping people. He will be greatly missed. Prayers for the family.* ”



Tammy King Morton - December 16, 2025 at 02:58 PM

WL

“ *Wilbur & Dianne Lancaster lit a candle in memory of Neil Jobe* ”



Wilbur & Dianne Lancaster - December 16, 2025 at 02:45 PM

JA

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall* ”



Jim Adams - December 16, 2025 at 11:59 AM

RL

“ *Mr Jobe was SIMPLY THE BEST - the best Principal, the best friend, the best colleague, the best storyteller, and the best advocate for those who needed help and didn't realize it, yet... I respected him as my Principal and as a professional colleague when I had the honor to work with him in Hickman County Schools. He was loved and respected by so many .. he was real - if you wanted to hear the simple truth just listen to him! Love you Mr Jobe - your legacy lives on in the thousands of people you helped over many years! I'm forever grateful to you!*

Rhonda Booker Long - December 16, 2025 at 11:50 AM

VB

“ *Vicky Beagle sent a virtual gift in memory of Neil Jobe*



Vicky Beagle - December 16, 2025 at 11:17 AM

OD

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the Jobe family. Mr. Jobe was a good man and great influence to all those who knew him.*



Olivia L Davidson - December 16, 2025 at 11:01 AM

JB

“ *This is without a doubt one of the Greatest man I have ever known! He was the Best principal ever! Fair, Fun and Firm! I know he will be missed! Prayers to this great family!*

John Bradley - December 16, 2025 at 10:50 AM

TU

“ I am so sorry to hear of Mr. Jobe passing away. He was my high school principal. Also, his family was dear to me. My mother did babysitting for him/Mrs. Jobe. They treated us like family. Rest in PEACE Mr. jobe

Terrie Utley - December 16, 2025 at 10:36 AM

SG

“ Stanley & Judy Gordon lit a candle in memory of Neil Jobe



Stanley & Judy Gordon - December 16, 2025 at 09:23 AM

RS

“ A truly honorable man. Loved to hear him sing in church. He had the strongest handshake and biggest heart. He was one of the best role models I knew. He was a faithful servant!



Prayers to Bea and family. Love you all! ❤️

Rebecca Stewart - December 16, 2025 at 09:00 AM

PM

“ *Phyllis Meyers lit a candle in memory of Neil Jobe*



Phyllis Meyers - December 16, 2025 at 08:50 AM

DB

Such an honorable man who left it far better than he found it. Prayers for Bea and the Jobe family.

Daniel Bey - December 16, 2025 at 01:58 PM

MG

My husband, Jerry and I met Neil and Bea on a trip to London with the Martin College Choir and alumni. We enjoyed his humor and kindness.

Martha Jo Gibbs - February 14 at 11:21 AM

RW

“ *Robbie Feichtinger Wiggins lit a candle in memory of Neil Jobe*



Robbie Feichtinger Wiggins - December 15, 2025 at 10:23 PM

TW

“ I was swimming in Lick Creek, visiting Linda Overbey, when I met Mr. Jobe and his daughter, Janet. Both of them made a positive impression on me. Later, I became a student at HCHS and he was my principal. Years later it was an honor to see him and Mrs. Jobe. He was proud to hear I had become a principal too. He and Mrs. Jobe were great mentors and role models to the students of Hickman County. We were all blessed to have them both. Mrs. Jobe and family are being lifted in prayer for Christ’s comfort and love.

Talitha Luna Winnett - December 15, 2025 at 09:30 PM

BM

“ So many great memories of Mr. Jobe. He was a great principal, loved by all the students. Later I enjoyed working with him. Our family had a loving relationship with his family. Our thoughts and prayers are with Mrs. Bea and those wonderful girls. We love you!



Bobby/Sandy McFarlin - December 15, 2025 at 09:28 PM

DS

“ So sorry for your loss of Mr. Jobe. Prayers for his family.



Debbie Semore - December 15, 2025 at 09:15 PM

PE

“ Neil was one of the finest men it has been my honor to know. His work with alcohol and drug dependent people has helped so many. Rest in Peace, Neil. You've earned it!

Phil Easley

Philip Easley - December 15, 2025 at 08:54 PM

CP

“ Cindy Parker lit a candle in memory of Neil Jobe



Cindy Parker - December 15, 2025 at 08:41 PM

CP

“ Blessed to know and love such a wonderful man. I will always treasure his guidance.

Cindy Parker - December 15, 2025 at 08:38 PM

RB

“ Randall-Sandra Barber lit a candle in memory of Neil Jobe



Randall-Sandra Barber - December 15, 2025 at 08:23 PM



“ *Sandi Westover lit a candle in memory of Neil Jobe*



Sandi Westover - December 15, 2025 at 08:20 PM



“ *...saddened to hear of Mr. Jobe's...he had my utmost respect..he was always encouraging and fair, such a fine man. R.I.P Sir. Prayers for his family..*



James Arthur (Tank) & Dana Atkinson - December 15, 2025 at 07:23 PM



“ *Mr. Jobe was a beautiful soul who helped many many young people back in Highschool and he was always kind and understanding Rest In Peace Sir*



Ramonalesa Fifth - December 15, 2025 at 07:13 PM



“ *Greg and Dianna Rochelle lit a candle in memory of Neil Jobe*



Greg and Dianna Rochelle - December 15, 2025 at 06:57 PM

BT

“ Thankyou For All you done while you were here* ❤️ Mr Neil Jobe 🌹

Bernando Turner - December 15, 2025 at 06:14 PM



“ He was a wonderful man and helped so many people. Was glad to have him as our principal. Everyone respected him. Prayers for all. 🙏

Donna Qualls - December 15, 2025 at 05:36 PM

YS

“ Yung Woochie Scates lit a candle in memory of Neil Jobe



Yung Woochie Scates - December 15, 2025 at 05:34 PM

LD

“ So sorry to hear this about Mr Jobe! He was a very good man and helped many children through school! Praying for the Jobe family for comfort during these difficult days ahead!! 🙏🙏🙏🙏

Laura DeLong - December 15, 2025 at 05:28 PM

DJ

“ Everyone loved Mr. Jobe. He was a wonderful man. I know he will be missed by all. Prayers for the family.



Debbie Jones - December 15, 2025 at 05:16 PM

LM

“ *Mr. Jobe was an inspiration and positive role model for many many young people in Hickman County. God bless and may he rest in peace*

Lloyd Mangrum - December 15, 2025 at 05:11 PM

TH

Mr Jobe is a great man him help anyone him can rest in peace praying for him family

Terry Hicks - December 16, 2025 at 07:30 AM

LH

“ *Leon Harrington lit a candle in memory of Neil Jobe*



Leon Harrington - December 15, 2025 at 05:01 PM

RH

“ *We are thinking of u.*

Ruby & Rex Horner - December 15, 2025 at 04:55 PM

RS

“ *We both are so sorry of the death of a father,husband,*

Regina & Martha Shelton - December 15, 2025 at 04:54 PM

RP

“ *MR Jobe gonna but never forgot sending my deepest condolences to the entire family*

Ruby Peters - December 15, 2025 at 04:47 PM

TB

“ *Tim and Tina Barber*



Tim and Tina Barber - December 15, 2025 at 04:38 PM

KB

“ *Karen Bowen lit a candle in memory of Neil Jobe*



Karen Bowen - December 15, 2025 at 04:21 PM

 Pam Minton

“ *Prayers for the family*



Pam Minton - December 15, 2025 at 04:17 PM

JM

“ *I remember Mr Jobe from my high school days. He was our principal and he was always a fair man. RIP Mr Jobe.*



Janie Lankford McCord - December 15, 2025 at 04:13 PM

LG

“ *Lonnie & Marilyn Gilliam sent a virtual gift in memory of Neil Jobe*



Lonnie & Marilyn Gilliam - December 15, 2025 at 03:53 PM

DE

“ *Debbie Potts England lit a candle in memory of Neil Jobe*



Debbie Potts England - December 15, 2025 at 03:35 PM

YP

“ *Yvonne Patterson lit a candle in memory of Neil Jobe*



Yvonne Patterson - December 15, 2025 at 03:22 PM

CB

“ *Connie Bowen lit a candle in memory of Neil Jobe*



Connie Bowen - December 15, 2025 at 03:19 PM

MB

“ *Michael Bates sent a virtual gift in memory of Neil Jobe*



Michael Bates - December 15, 2025 at 03:00 PM

TJ

“ *Tammy Jenkins lit a candle in memory of Neil Jobe*



Tammy Jenkins - December 15, 2025 at 02:54 PM

BB

I'm so sorry. My condolences for the family.

Bobbie Baird - December 15, 2025 at 06:28 PM