



Neal Morris Merlis

March 1, 1943 - February 11, 2021

Age 77 of Cross Plains Passed away Thursday, February 11, 2021 at his home. He was born March 1, 1943 in Brookline, Massachusetts to William & Sarah Bloom Merlis. He worked as a General Manager for UniFirst. He enjoyed golf and racquetball. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Marines and was an avid animal lover, especially his cat, Callie. He is preceded in death by his parents; First wife, Elaine Merlis; brother, Paul Merlis. He is survived by his wife, Nancy Merlis, Cross Plains, TN; son, Eric (Suzanne) Merlis, Boston, MA; step-son, Mike (Kim) Lilly, Cross Plains, TN 4 grandchildren, Cassie, Erin, Emily and Zoey; 1 great-granddaughter, Lilly. A memorial service is scheduled for Sunday, February 14, 2021 at 5pm in the chapel of Austin & Bell Funeral Home in White House with Rabbi Laura Abraisli officiating. Visitation is planned for Sunday, February 14, 2021 3-5pm at the funeral home. ARRANGEMENTS ENTRUSTED TO AUSTIN & BELL 533 Highway 76 White House, TN 37188 (615)672-5000 www.austinandbell.com

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 14. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Austin & Bell Funeral Home White House
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White House, TN 37188
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Memorial Service

FEB 14. 5:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Merlis Family,

Just learned of your loss and I wish to extend my sincere condolences. I was a friend of and grew up with Neal (Bruno) during our teenage years in the Dorchester/Mattapan area of Boston. Like many of us back then we joined the military right out of high school and unfortunately then lost touch with each other. Neal was a lot of fun and a kind, gentle and strong person who handled himself well against anyone. I remember his mother and father very well and Neal's love of horse back riding and bike (motorcycle) riding. My wife continues to remember the time he took her out for a spin on his bike.

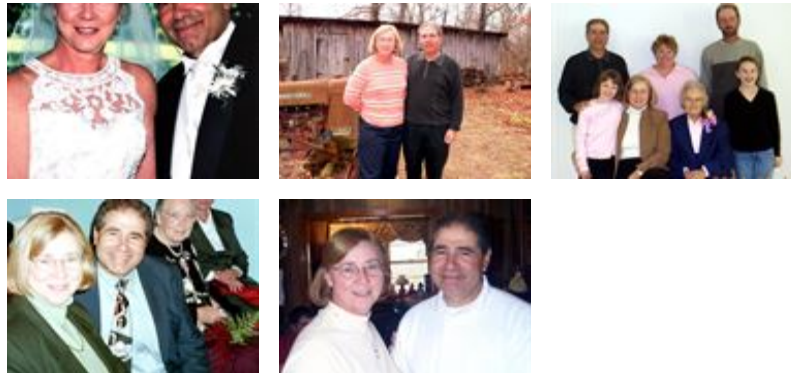
Again, sorry for your loss.

Barry Ostrow

Barry Ostrow - November 10, 2022 at 09:25 AM



“ 70 files added to the album Life Tributes



Austin & Bell Funeral Home - February 13, 2021 at 12:41 PM

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*Neal was a fun loving person who I really enjoyed playing racquetball with.
He is really missed by all the guys at The Gallatin Civic Center.
Rest in peace my friend.*

Ed Forbes - February 22, 2021 at 11:50 AM

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“ *Steve Crabtree, Renee and Julie purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Neal Morris Merlis.*



Steve Crabtree, Renee and Julie - February 13, 2021 at 12:37 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Neal Morris Merlis.*



February 12, 2021 at 03:40 PM