



# Reigh Glen Neukirch (Lebanon)

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**R**eigh Glen Neukirch, son of Fred and Ivy Pippig Neukirch, was born May 3, 1929, in Lookout, Oklahoma. He departed this life Friday, May 25, 2012, at his home, near Lebanon, Missouri, at the age of eighty-three years, and twenty-two days. On December 23, 1952, he was united in marriage to Mary Helen Nish, and to this union one daughter was born.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Mary, on September 23, 2003; six brothers, Lewis, Leslie, George, William, Frank, and Fred, Jr.; and four sisters, Mary, Marjorie, Gladys, and Hazel.

Reigh is survived by a daughter, Nancy Machado, and her husband, Bruce, of Fort Hood, Texas; two grandchildren, Carlyn Machado, of Columbus, Georgia, Justin Machado, of Fort Hood, Texas; a number of nieces and nephews; as well as a host of other relatives and friends.

He was raised on the family farm near Lookout, Oklahoma, and attended Freedom High School, in Freedom, Oklahoma. He entered the military as a young man, and served in the United States Army Air Corps and later the Air Force for six years, during the Korean War. He was stationed in Thailand during part of that time, and was discharged with the rank of Staff Sergeant. He and Mary made their home in Ohio and Illinois before settling in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. Reigh worked as an electrical engineer at Magnavox and for the State Long Distance Telephone Company for a number of years. In 2004, he moved to the Lebanon, Missouri area, and enjoyed his retirement.

Reigh was a longtime member of Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church in Lake Geneva, Washington. Since moving to Lebanon, he was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, where he served as an Elder.

He earned his pilot's license at the age of sixty-two, owned a plane for a number of years, and was active in the Civil Air Patrol in Wisconsin. He and Mary loved dancing,



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and enjoyed ballroom dancing, square dancing, and clogging. He possessed a “happy-go-lucky” demeanor and always had lots of energy. He liked traveling and enjoyed having time with his daughter and grandchildren.

Reigh was a loving father, grandfather, and uncle, and was a kind and caring neighbor and friend. We celebrate his life and know that he will be fondly remembered as a loving family man, a hard worker, and a patriotic citizen.



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**Anonymous** posted:

Nancy and family; Our Sympathy to you and your family. Just heard of Reigh's death Tuesday at the polls here in WI. Don attended MSOE in Milwaukee with Reigh and we lived in Elkhorn WI. We were also square dancers, danced with you folks for many years. What wonderful friends they were. What a great loss to all of us.##imported-begin##Betty & Don Felten##imported-end##

June 7 at 4:20 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Uncle Reigh, I will never forget the times we spent at family reunions golfing and hanging out. I wish I would of played that 18 holes at Fort Hood you wanted me to, if I only knew. I will miss you brother....Jason##imported-begin##Jason Demo##imported-end##

June 3 at 7:54 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Reigh was a wonderful friend and will be deeply missed. I enjoyed our many hours that we had together on the golf courses around Wisconsin and the cheerful attitude that Reigh presented at work.Jerry Guetschow##imported-begin##Jerry Guetschow##imported-end##

May 31 at 11:07 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

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May 31 at 10:55 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

It has been my great honor to serve with Reigh during the past several years. He has been a devoted and caring leader and an inspiration to us all. His passing is a great loss to us all. I salute you, Reigh. You will be missed.##imported-begin##Ed Leonard, LTC, CAP##imported-end##

May 30 at 5:19 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

Reigh was great fun to have at our Civil Air Patrol activities and meetings. My prayers are with his family and loved ones.##imported-begin##Connie King##imported-end##

May 30 at 10:43 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

##imported-begin##Stephanie Summers##imported-end##

May 30 at 9:33 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Nancy & family, Words cannot express how very sorry I am for the loss of Reigh. I will truly miss my "Pa Neukirch". I will always treasure the memories of times spent on Fremont and fondly remember all of the times he "rescued" us. Your Dad was such great guy, a kind soul who had a great sense of humor! He would never get mad at our "misadventures", he would simply shake his head in disbelief and laugh at us. I know your father was a wonderful dad and grandfather. He was so proud of you, Bruce, Carlyn & Justin, and loved you all so very much. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Love, Jen##imported-begin##Jen##imported-end##

May 30 at 5:45 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

So sorry to hear about Reigh! Stanley and I both loved him. He was a bright spot at the airport in Lebanon. Stanley works at the airport and when I went to visit, Reigh usually was there. He always loved to talk Genealogy with me. He was especially interested in what we had learned about the search for Texas Ranger James Coryell. I'll surely miss those visits with him.~With love for Reigh and we will never forget him!##imported-begin##Stanley and Betty Coryell##imported-end##

May 30 at 5:01 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Reigh you will be missed greatly.. With all my love, I will see you again.##imported-begin##Gina Neukirch-Haas##imported-end##

May 29 at 12:07 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

Nancy, We are so sorry for your loss. We have you and your family in our prayers.##imported-begin##Lora Scarantino & family##imported-end##

May 29 at 11:54 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Uncle Reigh was an awesome person, he will be missed very much!! Hal and I send our love and encouragement to Nancy and Bruce and family. Please know we are praying for you. Our Love, Hal and Rita##imported-begin##Rita Neukirch##imported-end##

May 29 at 11:03 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Nancy, I will be keeping your family in prayer. You have my sympathies.##imported-begin##Joni Kelly##imported-end##

May 29 at 8:17 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

sorry to hear about your dad . let me know if there is anything i can do for you##imported-begin##richard perry##imported-end##

May 29 at 8:09 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

my prayers and thoughts goes out to the family.##imported-begin##Harel Lawrence##imported-end##

May 29 at 4:46 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Reigh, I will miss you!!##imported-begin##Christi Helms##imported-end##

May 28 at 5:05 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

The things that I remember most about Reigh was his positive attitude and outlook on life, and his kind encouragement helped me through difficult tasks. He was an inspiration to us all. Rest in peace, Reigh. Jeff Cunningham##imported-begin##Jeff Cunningham##imported-end##

May 28 at 4:50 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Reigh, I will surely miss you my friend! You were ever my friend, my confidant, and part of my family. You were always there to steady me, to guide me, and to show me the way. Rest in Peace reigh, you deserve the best, and I pray that you get it. Godspeed.##imported-begin##Eric Dean##imported-end##

May 28 at 4:17 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Reigh was a good friend, mentor and positive influence on all who knew him. A great partner on the airplane and instrumental in starting the Civil Air Patrol Squadron in Lebanon. He will be missed, but never forgotten.##imported-begin##Malcolm Decker##imported-end##

May 28 at 3:23 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I had the distinct honor to serve along with Reigh in the Missouri Civil Air Patrol. I learned so much from him but more importantly so many cadets benefited from his leadership. As he did with so many cadets, he also supported and fostered the service careers of Senior members in CAP. I enjoyed many trips to Whiteman AFB together as well as one trip to Texas when our purposes coincided earlier this year. Reigh has a whip snap sense of humor and was able to lighten the effect of discipline with that humor. I, along with 2 cadets from Lebanon Mo had the honor of going on one more mission with Reigh to find a plane that had an ELT going off. Thank you for everything, my friend. David##imported-begin##David H. Sewell##imported-end##

May 28 at 11:12 AM



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**Anonymous** posted:

Nancy, Bruce & Family,Wow... It was quite a shock learning of Reigh's passing. Reigh was a respected co-worker, mentor and good friend. (The stories I could tell from work...)Nancy, Reigh was very proud of you and your family and he spoke of you and your family often. During his many travels to visit you, he would call me on the road and we would catch up on the news. I will certainly miss that.But, he has moved on to a better place and if I know Reigh, he is probably getting ready for a square dance or polishing up the brass for CAP or filing a flight plan.Our sincerest condolences to you and yours.Reigh... rest in peace my friend.Robert, Karen, Kayla & Jodi##imported-begin##The Klabunde's - Genoa City, WI##imported-end##

May 27 at 1:21 PM



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