



## Neil Andrew Cline

November 27, 1942 - April 5, 2018

Mr. Neil Cline passed away peacefully at the Woodward Hills Nursing Center on Thursday, April 5, 2018. He was born in Detroit, MI on November 27, 1942 to the late Lewis and Mary (Borowski) Cline. In the 1950's and early 1960's, Neil played the guitar in a band called Danny Zella and the Zell Rocks. He was also a talented keyboard player and wrote many songs on his own. He graduated from Kimball High School in 1961. Neil was an elevator repairman from 1965 to 1998. He worked at many different elevator repair companies. His last job was with Lardner Elevator. He was a member of the International Union of Elevator Constructors.

Neil loved to ride motorcycles and take trips across the country. He enjoyed canoe trips, camping, and sailing. On one Florida vacation, he trailered his boat along so that he could sail. He had a 1931 Model A Ford that he would drive in the Dream Cruise when he felt like getting into the action on Woodward Ave.

He bought an Ultralight airplane in Newport, TN and brought it back to MI. He enjoyed talking to people from around the world on his Ham Radio. Neil and his wife, Ellen, had a wonderful marriage for almost 25 years until her passing in 2008. Neil loved dogs, and often had two dogs living with him.

Left to cherish his memories are his two brothers; Allan Cline of Moreno

Valley, CA and Dennis Cline of Dallas, TX; and many nieces and nephews. Mr. Cline is preceded in death by his wife Ellen Marie (Studer) Cline and his son David Neil Cline.

Visitation will take place at the Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 705 W. 11 Mile Rd. (4 blocks E. of Woodward), Royal Oak, MI on Tuesday, April 10, 2018 from 3:00 p.m. until the time of the funeral service at 7:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to his favorite charity, the Michigan Humane Society.

# Cemetery Details

## Oakview Cemetery

1032 N. Main Street  
Royal Oak, MI 48067

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 10. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak  
705 W. Eleven Mile Road  
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## Funeral Service

APR 10. 7:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

KP

“ *Met Neil when he was playing guitar with Danny Zella. You guys missed the fact that he was a great guitar player.*

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**Kris Peterson** - August 18, 2023 at 05:11 AM

JW

“ *I can remember as a child my Uncle Neal would chase us around my Grandmas back yard swoop all of us girls up. We would always day he was the strongest man around because he could lift all 4 of is girls up at once. He always had good stories about tinkering with this motorcycle or that engine or plane; in addition, a funny joke or two. RIP strongest man around. Love, your niece Joyce (Cline) Weiss*

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**Joyce Weiss** - April 10, 2018 at 04:09 PM

LC

“ *Lardner Elvator Company purchased the Tranquil Seas for the family of Neil Andrew Cline.*



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**Lardner Elvator Company** - April 10, 2018 at 11:28 AM

JM

“ Uncle Neil was a huge inspiration for me fixing and inventing things for everyday use. He was a hippie, Captain of sea and sky, hot rod motorcycle guru, and he claimed part dog. He taught me to sail and about H.A.M. radio. Uncle Neil always had the best one-liners. I'd tell him, "I'll be back" to which he would reply "I'll be FRONT!" I will miss Uncle Neil and I will always remember him. Jason Mick (his nephew)

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**Jason Mick** - April 09, 2018 at 05:20 AM

MA

“ I worked with Neil "the Captain" in the elevator industry and we always had a lot of fun together. He was one of the sharpest guys around with a quick witted sense of humor and a funny new line almost daily . I can remember stopping by his house with my kids in tow and watched as they were in awe of his "mad scientist" workshop out in the garage filled with half built airplanes, sailboats that were being chopped up and modified, and just about anything else you could dream up. I have many fond memories of him. RIP Cap.

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**Mark Austin** - April 08, 2018 at 10:53 AM

DD

“ I have many happy memories of uncle Neil as a kid. We used to go to his house and catch fire flies with my cousins. We would bring them to Grandma's house and let them go in her garden. We spent many happy weekends at their house riding the horses. He was always a lot of fun and joked with us kids. RIP Uncle Neil. Deb Driscoll

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**Debbie Driscoll** - April 07, 2018 at 05:57 PM

LM

“ We have lost a great friend. Neil and my husband worked in the elevator business together and we used to ride motorcycles with him and Ellen. He will be missed.

*Lu & Gerry Moro*



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**Lu Moro** - April 07, 2018 at 02:19 PM

LM

*He will always be the captain to us..*

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**Lu Moro** - April 07, 2018 at 02:21 PM

MB

*RIP to a longtime Houstonia neighbor.*

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**M. Brandt** - April 09, 2018 at 02:04 PM

LK

“ Whenever I would say, "I'll be back" to Uncle Neil, he would say, "I'll be front." He had a wonderful sense of humor, and could come up with a real zinger at a moments notice. He was a brilliant man, and my kids used to call him "Uncle Wizard." You would always learn something hanging out with Uncle Neil. He loved to draw cartoons and write stories. He had a way with words. I have lost someone who was extremely important in my life. All my love and rest in peace Unk.

*Lori King (His Niece)  
(a.k.a. "Stella")*

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**Lori King** - April 07, 2018 at 12:21 PM