



Hal Neumann

May 11, 1954 - November 21, 2023

Hal Neumann of Terry, Montana, passed away in his sleep Tuesday morning, November 21, 2023. The cause was colon cancer that had spread to his liver. Hal had been quite ill for a long time, more so than he would admit to himself, until it could not be ignored. Hal wanted to write this good-bye himself, and he would have been much more eloquent than my clumsy words. You may not have known this about Hal, but he was shy, and so was discriminating in his friendships. I am so sorry he couldn't tell you this himself, but he loved each and every one of you. That said, for me his wife, Hal, was the best twenty-five years of my life, and he will be greatly missed by many. Hal wasn't religious in any sense, but if I could define what heaven for Hal would be, it would be to be remembered fondly.

Hal Walter Neumann, born May 11th, 1954, in Miles City, MT to Kathrine Jane Neumann of Alzada, MT and Herbert Hi Neumann of Miles City. Graduating from Custer County High School, Hal worked construction and oil field seismography. A serious workplace accident led him to continue his education at the University of Montana, a master's degree in history and a career as a research historian. Hal met Susan Edwards in 1998 and together they moved to King Salmon, Alaska where Hal took the position of Registrar for the Lake and Peninsula School District. Hal and Susan retired in 2018 and moved to Terry, MT. Hal enjoyed gardening, fixing up the home they owned, corresponding with friends, and as a voracious reader, having the time to read.

Hal is survived by his wife, Susan Edwards of Terry, MT, brother, Wade Neumann of Circle, MT, his aunt, Marjorie Pontius of Miles City, numerous cousins, and innumerable friends.

Per Hal's wishes, cremation has taken place and no services will be held.

Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Remembrances and condolences can be shared with the family at: www.silhafuneralhomes.com.

Tribute Wall

VC

“ *I am sorry for your loss of a great person. Hal worked for my dad in 70s. King Janitorial service. My dad enjoyed his wit and humor. RIP PRAYERS for wife and family.*

vicki king carrafa - November 06, 2024 at 10:43 PM



“ *Rest in peace old friend. Jane Orr*

Jane Jeffries-orr - February 07, 2024 at 06:49 AM

MW

“ *I'm so sad to learn of Hal's passing. I was hoping to reconnect with him and Susan this spring on a trip to their part of the state. I worked with Hal at "the Consulting Firm from Hell" from 1989-1993. He was tremendously supportive of his co-workers during some very high-stress times. I have fond memories of our trip from Missoula to Miles City and back for a Montana history conference. His humor made the miles fly. We stayed in touch for a few years after their move to Alaska, but lost contact since their return. The world is an emptier place without him.*

Mary Horstman Williams - January 08, 2024 at 04:25 PM

CM

“ *RIP my friend. So lucky to have a chance to catch up with him at our 50th. Always a smile and fun to be around.*

Craig McDonald - December 08, 2023 at 01:10 AM

JW

“ Sorry to hear of Hal’s passing. He was fun loving and always had a smile. So glad I had a chance to say hello at our 50th high school reunion. Hal was a good soul.

John Wood - December 03, 2023 at 11:03 PM

BD

“ I am sorry to hear of Hal’s passing. My condolences to his family. I was lucky to know Hal in graduate school at Montana. He was also a true gentleman, kind to all, and, of course, a great historian and scholar.

Bill D’Alton - December 02, 2023 at 05:36 PM

BW

“ Bill Jody Wallick lit a candle in memory of Hal Neumann



Bill and Jody Wallick - November 29, 2023 at 12:18 PM

KG

“ I will miss Hal’s dry sense of humor and factual posts about “who on earth is actually wanting to know this”. He had some jokes that I didn’t get and probably laughed when I told him so or shook his head. Hal was exactly one day older than me. I’m so glad I got to see him at the reunion. What a character!! A very intelligent man! No more pain Hal. I’ll miss ya!💔

Kathy Garrett - November 28, 2023 at 07:00 PM

DS

“ I came to know Hal by way of the miles-city dot com discussion forums. Hal was like the wise old owl who sat up in the tree surveying the scene, occasionally offering his sage perspective which was sometimes delivered with a dash of humor. I came to respect Hal for his calm and easygoing manner, and I always appreciated what he had to offer to the discussions. I will indeed miss him very much.



Susan, and all of Hal's family, I am sorry for your loss.

Dave Schott - November 25, 2023 at 02:49 PM

CK

“ Susan, I'm so very sorry for your loss!

Cathy Kalmbach - November 25, 2023 at 12:26 PM

DD

“ Beautifully written! Makes me think fondly of him even though I never knew him. ❤️🌹

Debi Delamater - November 25, 2023 at 10:18 AM

RZ

“ Rob and Deb Zignego planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Hal Neumann.

Rob and Deb Zignego - November 25, 2023 at 10:16 AM



“ *Classic Charcuterie Snacks Gift Set was purchased for the family of Hal Neumann.*



November 25, 2023 at 10:16 AM



“ *I had 4 years in high school with Hal and we were good friends. Hal was good hearted I will remember him fondly!*
Deb Zignego

Deb Zignego - November 25, 2023 at 10:09 AM



“ *A gentle and brilliant man. Kind. Caring. Compassionate. His facebook posts were the best ever, thoughtful, insightful and humorous. Our most heartfelt condolences go out to Susan and Hal's family.RIP Hal, you will be missed by many!*

Lana and Bill Sweeney - November 24, 2023 at 09:22 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of Hal's death. He was a kind, ole' soul. We used to write back and forth on Facebook. I loved his stories of Alaska and I was so jealous of all the salmon and crab legs he got to enjoy and he was missing good old Montana beef. So sorry for your loss.*



Robin (Shafer) Jung - Schatz - November 24, 2023 at 08:35 PM

KM

“ I "met" Hal on miles-city.com. Hal was what I fondly refer to as a "class act". His posts were thoughtful and sometimes amusing. He was always kind. I regret I did not have the opportunity to meet him in person. My condolences to his family and friends. May you find comfort in your memories and know that others will remember Hal, too.

Karen Morris - November 24, 2023 at 07:46 PM

LN

*My sincerest condolences for Miss 'Herself' Susan n Hal's other friends n family... I met Hal at MCC around 82-82. We had accounting together, n I could NEVER get it down, but Hal gave it the ol college try to help me with homework!! Such a sweet, gentle, GOOD man! When I found him on fb so many years later, I was thrilled! Happier that he had a lady to share his brilliance with!! I cannot praise your wonderful husband enough n am so glad u were willing to become his bride, Miss Susan. Love n hugs n am sending strength, comfort, healing n blessings your way.... thank you for making my friend's life so wonderful n loving him so long! ❤️
Rest in Peace my precious friend.. n thank you for everything!*

Lorna Niles - December 06, 2023 at 02:18 PM

GW

Today I came across an old address card printed by Hal and Susan when they lived in Missoula. I thought I would reach out to him to say how much he enriched my life. I am really sad to learn of his passing. Hal had one of the most adventurous spirits I have ever encountered. He certainly was one of the brightest individuals I have ever known and had the pleasure to work with. Thanks Hal, wherever your spirit might be venturing.

Gary Williams - January 02, 2025 at 12:07 PM