



Terry Neely

December 5, 1948 - January 10, 2026

The graveside service with military honors celebrating the life of Terry Neely of Verndale, will be held promptly at 12:00 p.m. on Friday, April 10, at the Minnesota Veteran Cemetery, Camp Ripley, near Little Falls, MN.

Terry Neely, 77, of Verndale, MN, passed away peacefully on January 10, 2026, at the St. Cloud VA Medical Center.

Born on December 5, 1948, in Olean, NY, to Whirley and Lillian (Hogan) Neely, Terry proudly served in the United States Army, dedicating part of his life to the service of his country. After his military service, he built a life rooted in independence and quiet strength.

For over 20 years, Terry was a devoted husband to Mary (nee' Manuel), with whom he shared a marriage marked by loyalty and perseverance. He enjoyed the outdoors, finding peace in nature's open spaces, and had a lifelong passion for building things — from practical projects to creative handiwork — always finding satisfaction in working with his hands. Terry also had a deep affection for animals, especially his cats, who were his constant companions and a source of comfort and joy. He lived life with a free spirit, often traveling and following his own path.

Terry was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Mary, and his parents. He

leaves behind no immediate surviving family, but will be remembered by friends, neighbors, and all whose lives he touched.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Terry's honor to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. (www.stjude.org/donate)

Terry and Mary are now together again, their journey continuing beyond this life, under the open skies they both loved.

Cemetery Details

MN State Veterans Cemetery

15550 Hwy 15
Little Falls, MN 56345

Previous Events

Burial

APR **10**. 12:00 PM (CT)

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