



## Neal E. Petges

June 9, 1954 - August 14, 2014

Neal E. Petges. Beloved husband of Karen (nee Thoemmes). Devoted father of Michael and Laura. Loving son of the late Frank and Valerie Petges. Fond brother of Valerie (John) Malone, Victoria, Nicholas, and Veronica Kupiec. Uncle of John, Frank, Carl, Zachary, Angel, Lisa, Kelly, and Candace. Funeral Thursday, August 21, 2014 at 9:30 am from Foran Funeral Home, 7300 West Archer Avenue (55th Street just west of Harlem), Summit, Illinois to St. Daniel the Prophet Church, 5358 South Nashville, Chicago, Illinois for a 10 Mass of Resurrection. Cremation private. Visitation Wednesday, August 20, 2014 from 3 pm to 9 pm at Foran Funeral Home.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *I too was a friend and cohort during High School at Benton House with Neal and a host of others. He was energetic, enthusiastic, entertaining and did I mention, always HAPPY! That smile will always be fondly remembered.*

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“ *I am so heart broken with the news. Neal was loving, caring, funny & a blessing to all who knew him! We will all miss him tremendously.*

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“ Neal was a very energetic individual. Educated and yet down to earth type of person. Always compassionate and responsible. He knew how to brighten up a situation at the drop of a hat. A brother, a husband, a father. To everyone that knew him, he left an impression. What more can be said about someone that makes life worth living. I will miss him.

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“ I was speaking of Neal Petges just last week when discussing people who changed our lives. A senior in high school, I discussed my plans with Neal. I had attended Catholic grammar & high school and was scheduled to attend an all-girl Catholic college. Neal looked at me and said Deb when are you going to join the real world? That question struck a chord in my heart. My view of my life had changed. Neal brought fun and enthusiasm to life. He pushed you to the limits sometimes. Thank you Neal. May the angels bring you to your eternal life in paradise, where I am sure you will shake things up. God Bless Neal's family, friends and loved ones at this sad time. Peace to all.

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“ So shocked and saddened, taken much too soon. I knew Neal from his GBC days, where he met his beautiful wife Karen. I saw him about a year ago and he was showing me pictures of Michael and just beaming...a very proud Daddy. My thoughts and prayers are with Karen, Michael, Laura and the rest of his family at this very difficult time.

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“ I am one of Neal's Benton House folks. We have not connected for many years. I would know that smile, anywhere though. My deepest condolences to his family. It was entirely too soon for him. I hope Uncle Vern is showing him the ropes! Juanita

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“ *Sending all our thoughts and prayers to you, Karen & Michael.  
There are many, many Chicago memories to share. God Bless you,  
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