ROBERT NEELY 7/1/1915-1/9/1992

SATELLITE BEACH — Robert W. Neely, 76, a retired Air Force major, died Thursday, Jan. 9, at Cape Canaveral Hospital in Cocoa Beach.

Maj. Neely was born in Grinnell, Iowa. He was a Brevard County resident since 1957. He was a member of the Patrick Yacht Club, Retired Officers Club and Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Survivors include his sons, Keith Neely of Los Osos, Calif., and Richard Neely of Titusville; sister, Mabel Raver of North Carolina, and eight grandchildren.

No calling hours are scheduled. Memorial services are 6 p.m. Monday at Beach Funeral Home in Indian Harbour Beach.

Donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, 17 N Babcock St., Melbourne, 32935.


In 1937, "The Pioneer Family" statue was made by Robert Neely and donated to the city of Grinnell by Grinnell Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution. The statue is 12 feet tall, made of cement, and consists of a father, mother, and child. It is located in the Grinnell City Offices (2019).