



## Curtis Gregg Neitsch

December 15, 1937 - February 9, 2022

Curtis Gregg Neitsch went to be with our Lord, Jesus Christ, on February 9, 2022 after a difficult battle with Parkinson's.

Born in Austin, Texas, Curtis eventually made his permanent home in California. Curtis was a man of many talents. He served as an electrical engineer in the Navy on the Aircraft Carrier Valley Forge. He had a metallurgist degree from UC Berkley and worked for NASA designing rocket heat shields. He also earned a teaching certificate and ultimately landed at Klamath River Elementary School in the small community of Horse Creek along the Klamath River, where he taught many grades, especially 3rd & 4th. Curtis's many students remember him for being strict, yet kind and creative, with many expressing their fond memories of art lessons and music in the classroom. Curtis loved art and music, and his family is blessed with beautiful still life oil paintings, and memories of Fur Elise and other piano pieces filling their home.

Curtis's growing family prompted him to turn a one room fishing cabin into a house big enough for a family of seven, using carpentry skills largely taught by his father. His love of the forest was celebrated in his creative home design. Curtis also enjoyed being outdoors, whether cutting/chopping wood, beekeeping, hiking, camping, fishing or rafting the Klamath. Curtis was a favorite among many friends along the river and delighted in

social gatherings held in their home. He and his wife, Carolyn, practiced a strong Christian faith and often hosted bible studies and supported local churches. A schoolteacher's schedule allowed him the summertime to travel extensively with his family throughout the nation. After retirement, Curtis and Carolyn eventually moved to Montague, and then Yreka, splitting their time at their RV in Fawndale Oaks Park in Redding, where they could visit their youngest son, Daniel.

Curtis was a wonderful husband to Carolyn for over 45 years. He was a beloved father to three children, Gregg (Stacey), Ramona (Andy) Mcbeth, and Daniel, and two stepdaughters, Shirley (Rob) O'Gorman and Cynthia (Jim) Weaver, a grandparent to 15, and great-grandfather to three. Curtis is also survived by his sisters, Evelyn Tucker of Idaho, Ramona Bode of Georgia and their families.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, April 9, 2022 at 11:00 am. at Decision Life Church, 203 Wetzel Way, Yreka, [decisionlifechurch.org](https://www.decisionlifechurch.org). Light refreshments will follow. . For questions call or text Cynthia Weaver at 425-422-6157 or Shirley O'Gorman at 530-859-0323. In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to Decision Life Church in Yreka <https://www.decisionlifechurch.org/>

# Tribute Wall

JB

“ Sorry to hear of his passing. He was cool calm and he was a good yeacher

John Bell - March 17, 2024 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ He was the reason I love art so much , seriously missed,

James Huff - February 19, 2022 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ My condolences to Carolyn and the family. I live in your old home on the Klamath River, and love it so very much! I am saddened for your loss, and wish I could have met Curtis, and thanked him for all the love and labor he put into this home. I am truly blessed to live here. His legacy remains in this beautiful home, in a big way. May he now rest in the Lord's Eternal Love. Sincerely and with heartfelt blessings to you all, Deb Mullaney-Sliney.

Deb Mullaney-Sliney - February 19, 2022 at 12:00 AM

KN

“ RIP. So very sorry for your loss. 🙏🙏

Kristen Naylor - February 18, 2022 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ Sending my deepest condolences & love to the family

Robin Mathus - February 18, 2022 at 12:00 AM

AN

“ We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Girdner Funeral Chapel

A Memorial Tree was planted for Curtis Gregg Neitsch - February 18, 2022 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ Brandi Lewis, Kita Morris, Loriann Skeahan RIP Mr. Neitsch.

Brenda Rider Morris - February 18, 2022 at 12:00 AM

EJ

“ God bless

Elieene Jones - February 18, 2022 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ I am so sad to hear this news. I worked at the school with Curtis. My thoughts are with the family at this time.

Karen Boehme - February 18, 2022 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ Jessica Candelaria Amanda Rainey Erica Ambris

Bree Cramer - February 18, 2022 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ Mr Neitsch made a huge impact in my life. I remember the art and music fondly, but he absolutely cemented my love of reading. How many teachers would take the time to read books like, "A Wrinkle in Time" to 3rd & 4th graders? He ignited a deep love of books for me that I carry to this day and passed on to my children and grand children. I will never forget what a wonderful man he is. I think of him often and fondly. My sincere condolences to his family.

Brandi Mohr Lewis - February 18, 2022 at 12:00 AM