



## Neal Anthony Pitak

October 24, 1977 - October 31, 2019

Neal Anthony Pitak, age 42, of Cleveland Heights, passed away at his home Thursday, October 31, 2019.

He was born in Parma and had been a resident of Cleveland Heights for the past year. He previously lived in Columbus, Chicago, Texas and California.

He was a member of St. Charles Borromeo Church in Parma when he was younger and more recently attended St. Peter Church in North Ridgeville.

Neal was a graduate of OSU and received his MFA in Printmaking from IU. He worked as a printmaker and an arts educator in Texas and Ohio.

Neal loved reading, music, and the arts and he was an accomplished artist, printmaker and painter. He

was gregarious, generous, curious, critical, sincere, and full of humor and love. His friends and family will miss him dearly.

Survivors include his parents, Edmund and Christina Pitak of North Ridgeville; brothers, Kendrick, Bryant and Jason Pitak all of Chicago, Illinois.

Services will be private.

Burial will be at Holy Cross Cemetery, Brook Park.

Memorial contributions in Neal's memory are suggested to:

Zygote Press

Cleveland Animal Protective League

# Comments

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“ So sorry about Neal. He was my neighbor in Cleveland Heights. He had such a good soul.



**Diane Brockway** - January 13, 2020 at 02:44 PM

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**Diane Brockway** - January 13, 2020 at 02:42 PM

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**bepitak** - November 05, 2019 at 10:51 PM

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“ bepitak is following this tribute.

**bepitak** - November 05, 2019 at 10:50 PM

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“ Susan Chu purchased the Springtime Wishes for the family of Neal Anthony Pitak.



Susan Chu - November 05, 2019 at 05:30 PM

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“ I met Neal when I was an art student at Lamar University, and loved his sweet, kind, gentle soul. He touched so many lives at Lamar, we're all shocked and heartbroken, but he's in a happier better place with our Lord. Heartfelt condolences and prayers! Love, Susan Chu

Susan Chu - November 05, 2019 at 05:20 PM

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“ Time can be measured in the ticking of wheels or in the myriad small experiences of every day. Neil always seemed to enjoy those more than ticking away moments or checking off lists. An amazing guy whose perspective I always enjoyed. He will be missed.

Mcdizzle - November 05, 2019 at 09:24 AM

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“ There were many nights that I would find Neal in the printmaking studios at Indiana University. He was always welcomed company. He helped me troubleshoot and resolve tech problems in my first ever screen printing class. Outside of the classroom, his humor and personality had a life of its own. He will surely be missed. Sincere condolences to all who had Neal in their life. He truly was one-of-a-kind. <3



Kim Turner - November 05, 2019 at 08:49 AM

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“ European Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Neal Anthony Pitak.



Keira Norton - November 04, 2019 at 08:59 PM

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“ Dear Mr and Ms Pitak and Family,  
My wife Wendy and I were heartbroken to learn of Neil's passing through a former grad student and friend of Neil's yesterday. Neil was one of my graduate students in the MFA print making program at Indiana back in 2011. Neil was an incredibly talented, sensitive and generous man who gave so much to our program. We have kept up a bit over the years and heard things were going well, so this was indeed a shock.  
I am sending along two photos from a happier time when Neil was studying with me in Venice in the summer of 2011. We hope you can share this with others.  
Please accept our heartfelt condolences and our prayers are with you.  
All the Best,  
Ed & Wendy Bernstein

Bogner Family Funeral Home - November 04, 2019 at 10:01 AM

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Bogner Family Funeral Home - November 04, 2019 at 09:59 AM



“ Great pictures, Ed. Thank you for posting. I know that you and Wendy were extremely fond of Neal. Sending xxoo your way.  
-Keira

Keira - November 04, 2019 at 05:46 PM

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“ Amanda purchased the Plants-A-Plenty for the family of Neal Anthony Pitak.



**Amanda** - November 03, 2019 at 11:45 AM