



## Mr. Neil William Anderson

July 22, 1995 - November 7, 2021

Neil came to Atlanta in August 2021 from Sydney Australia after working with the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organization (ANSTO) to integrate a solar simulator into a small angle neutron scattering (SANS) setup for in situ UV-visible spectroscopic measurements. Prior to his time at ANSTO, Neil completed a Bachelor's Degree in Electrical Engineering with honours and Chemistry at Macquarie University.

Neil was working towards his PhD in Material Science and Engineering and was a member of the Stingelin Research Group. During his time at Georgia Tech he studied the thermodynamic and optoelectronic properties of organic semiconducting polymers. Eventually, he aspired to construct an organic-based antineutrino detector for nuclear nonproliferation applications.

Neil is described by his family and friends as an avid outdoors man who preferred to spend holidays traversing the Australian outback in his Toyota Hilux. He was driven, thoughtful and an outgoing individual who will be remembered by the joy he brought to others and the good times he shared with them.

# Cemetery Details

## Cremation - Northside Chapel Crematory

12050 Crabapple Road  
Roswell, GA

# Previous Events

## Celebration Of Life

NOV 20. 11:00 AM (ET)

Northside Chapel Funeral Directors & Crematory  
12050 Crabapple Road  
Roswell, GA

# Tribute Wall



“ *Northside Chapel Funeral Directors and Crematory created a Webcast in memory of Mr. Neil William Anderson*



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**Northside Chapel** - November 14, 2021 at 12:06 PM

KT

*We are so saddened by the loss of Neil. He was extremely intelligent, a kind and thoughtful young man, a credit to his Parents Joanne and Keith, and to all his family, who were justifiably proud of him. He will be missed by all those lucky enough to have known him. Our thoughts and prayers are with him and his family. Rest In Peace Neil.*

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**Kathy Triggell** - November 18, 2021 at 05:25 AM

AH

*Neil, you are such a joy to know, I say are because you will always be with us A brighter star shines in the heavens Reston Peace Neil 🙏*

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**Adele Higgins** - November 18, 2021 at 06:22 AM

DG

*Terrible loss of a intelligent young man with a very bright future. Can't begin to understand the pain Neil's family must be going through. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. Take comfort in knowing he is at peace and will see you in another place one day. Kindest regards, Deborah Grover & Family.*

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**Deborah Grover** - November 18, 2021 at 09:04 PM

JK

*Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you Jo, Keith and Elise. So many memories to share. A special person who will always have a special place in all of our hearts. Neil may you Rest In Peace, you will be deeply missed. Love The Kessler's.*

jodie Kessler - November 20, 2021 at 02:56 AM

JF

*To Keith, Joanne & Elise, our hearts ache for you at this very sad time. Our thought & prayers are with you. Rest in peace Neil. With all our love, Uncle Terry & Aunty Jean.*

Jean Flynn - November 20, 2021 at 12:14 PM



“ *Mr. Neil William Anderson*

October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM

DT

“ *My little cousin.  
Your willingness to achieve in life always amazed me, you were the smartest young man I knew!  
Words cannot describe how much of a loss this is to not only our family but the world.  
Fly high young man. Not a moment will go by without you in my head and heart.  
We love you kid* ❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️

Dan Thompson - November 23, 2021 at 07:43 AM

LL

“ Dear Neil,

*i feel quite lost for words on what to say..*

*You were always a calm, quiet, controlled and reliable friend. I met you through mutual engineering friends at macquarie university and you were always so friendly and easy to talk to. Throughout our time knowing each other we've had a blast going to parties, going on an amazing trip to cairns and all kinds of crazy events. More recently we had just started to climb together and had plans to do more hikes and even talked dreams of kokoda and everest base camp. Thankyou for being a tremendous friend and sharing some awesome life experiences with me, i'm very sad we won't have anymore adventures together but also so grateful to have known you.*

*Love you Neil and Rest In Peace*

*Lucas*

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**Lucas Low** - November 20, 2021 at 08:09 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mr. Neil William Anderson.



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November 20, 2021 at 05:14 AM

AN

“ To the Andersen family, we send our deepest sympathies. We share in your grief and deep loss and lift up Neil and all of you in prayer



We remember Neil as a little boy in St. Cecilia's School. We remember his eyes always had a twinkle in them. His kind demeanor and intelligence always stood out. What an amazing life he had. Using his talents and sharing his kindness and joy to all he met. Our loss is heaven's gain!

With love and prayers, The Atayde family 🙏

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**annamon\_atayde** - November 19, 2021 at 09:21 PM

ZN

“ For the time I had known you, you were a driven and focused man. Your passion for research and understanding was undisputable, permeating into all of your interests.

That Hilux of yours was a stunning example of your passion.

You were always a solid and principled bloke, which is rare these days.

It was great to see you starting to hit your stride, travelling and studying as you had always planned.

Unfortunately, there were other plans.

We never did get to catch up for the pre travel beers with the lockdowns, but I'm sure we will meet again.

May you Rest In Peace.

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**Zac Nast** - November 19, 2021 at 07:20 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Neil William Anderson.*



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November 19, 2021 at 03:58 PM



“ *Dear Neil,*

*from your great Aunt Judy and cousin Matthew. We only met you twice, the first when you were a toddler (according to your mum you were very badly behaved-it can't have been too bad as I don't remember) This was when your parents paid a short visit to Far North Queensland. The second time was ten years ago when Matthew and I paid a visit to your grandparents and your family came to dinner. I remember a quietly spoken respectful young man. I'm sorry that due to distance we didn't get to know you better. We are proud of the young man you became and what you achieved.*

*R I P Neil.*

*Judy and Matthew Flynn*

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**Melissa Anne Flynn** - November 19, 2021 at 10:49 AM

MF

“ Neil,

*I have always considered myself a writer by trade, yet now I find my hands refusing to type and I am lost for words; a rare occurrence in the Flynn clan. Neil, I shall do my best to honour you.*

*I met a quiet and reserved young man a few years back while reuniting with your lovely mum. You barely said a word - apparently your mum and I (or rather your great uncle) hardly gave you a chance to. The last few years we had only short chats but, until a few months back, I had just heard whispers our young, handsome Neil was destined for greatness, like your beautiful sister; the two greatest gifts to our family.*

*Those Skype chats and messages really allowed me to see the special, warm, knowledgeable, curious, and sincere man you are. I so looked forward to them - we discussed everything from Australia's nuclear past, the origins of our language, to the trials and tribulations of living abroad, oh and lamingtons of course. I will miss those debates and discourse.*

*Listening to your Uni chapter away from home brought back wonderful memories for your mum and I about our student days, but envy too - you had the luxury of a pool, me a portable B&W TV. Our fine young scientist, I knew you so little but have discovered I love you so much. There can simply be no other reason for the great sadness which has taken up residence in my heart. Neil, you will be missed terribly but we shall keep your memories vivid and I will talk to anyone who will listen about how proud we are of you and just how much we enjoyed your time with us.*

*Melissa Flynn*

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Melissa Anne Flynn - November 19, 2021 at 07:26 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Neil William Anderson.*



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November 19, 2021 at 05:20 AM



“ *For anyone who didn't know the reference, as kids Neil, Elise my sister Tayla-Jay and myself would refer to each other primarily as "The Cousins"*

*'The Cousins' would play radios... Playing Talk show hosts, Weatherman, Horse race commentary and Neil would always do a "Joke of the day". As time went on, we all grew up and Facebook, messenger and Instagram became in a sense the new "radio"*

*I have very fond and vivid memories of 'The Cousin-ship'*

*From...*

*Neil leading the bike pack on 'Blackie', Elise singing "I'm Playing the Doggie Guitar" on Samson (the Jack Russell) Aaannnndd Chasing Eagles, Dingos and most definitely doing things we should not have been doing with the "little truck" and the so called 'contained dynamite'...*

*There is not sadness but joy, smiles and laughter looking back on such, now valuable memories.*

*Always in my memories and heart.*

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**Casey Louise Flynn** - November 18, 2021 at 08:48 PM

RF

“ *Rubina Ohanian-Ozlem Arslan-Natalie Feng purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Mr. Neil William Anderson.*



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**Rubina Ohanian-Ozlem Arslan-Natalie Feng** - November 18, 2021 at 05:19 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Neil William Anderson.*



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November 18, 2021 at 04:11 PM

NK

“ On my first term teaching electronic circuits at Macquarie Uni I soon noticed the student sitting on the first row, who never missed a lecture or a lab, who took notes and asked questions and who really ... enjoyed being there. We quickly bonded with Neil and I offered him my lab to start developing a research project of his own. I was fascinated to see his energy and enthusiasm and to follow his progress at MQ and later at ANSTO.

*My dear friend Neil, students can be an inspiration to their teachers and for all the motivation you gave me to be a good teacher I thank you. I will remember you as my best student and I hope your energy and drive will always be with those of us who were lucky to know you.*

*Your teacher and friend,  
Nikos.*

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**Nikos Kopidakis** - November 18, 2021 at 03:57 PM

AA

“ *Aleksei and Alena purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Neil William Anderson.*



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**Aleksei and Alena** - November 18, 2021 at 08:26 AM

RD

“ *Keith, Joanne, Elise and family, our hearts are feeling so sad for you all. We have you all in our prayers and thoughts and please know we are here for you if you need anything. Sending you lots of love at this very sad and difficult time, Love The Dimech Family* ❤️❤️❤️

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**Rita Dimeckh** - November 18, 2021 at 05:39 AM

IB

“ Neil, when asked to bring a book you enjoyed reading to your speech & drama lesson, meaning a story book, you turned up with *Toyota Land cruiser manual* & during a lesson you tried to work out our how the a/c worked - always an engineer. Our trip to Scotland was a memorable experience, such fun! Taken far too soon what you could have shared with the world but you will never be forgotten. Love Ishbel

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**Ishbel Beadle** - November 18, 2021 at 04:25 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Neil William Anderson.



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November 17, 2021 at 07:45 PM

RF

“ Dear Neil,

*Even from a little boy your distinctive character would shine bright, your eyes would light up at the sight of a fan blade or the sound of an air conditioner, that look of why and how was always so present. You were destined for greater things and you achieved this at the highest level. All the family and In particular your Poppy were immensely proud of you as you made your way down a pathway of exploration both personally and academically, all the while carrying a unique set of qualities that made you the wonderful smart young man you were. Your very proud mother and father created opportunities for you to explore, create and ultimately achieve and chase your dreams on another continent.*

*As we close your book of life and after reading the last chapter one can only imagine the impression you would have had on your new friends and colleges in Atlanta in such a short time which, I'm sure firmly bonded you to them and them to you.*

*The times you and I spent together were always going to be too few and sadly will always be but, I will remember you with smiles and laughter and the imprint you leave behind will never disappear, never be forgotten and will always be admired.*

*You go now little mate it's not a goodbye as those that we love are not gone, they sit beside us every day.*

*Uncle Rod*

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**Rod Flynn** - November 17, 2021 at 05:12 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Neil William Anderson.*



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November 17, 2021 at 04:25 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Neil William Anderson.*



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November 17, 2021 at 03:31 PM



“ *Hickory Farms Savory and Sweet Snacker Gift Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Neil William Anderson.*



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November 17, 2021 at 10:23 AM

“ Dear Neil,

*There are not enough words to describe how much Uncle Geoff and I will miss you. If I knew you were leaving us, I would have told you how much I love (genuinely like) you, and how proud we are to be your Auntie and Uncle. But I'm pretty sure you know.*

*Our family has never produced anyone that could be called 'ordinary', and with your birth, we all knew we had someone quite unusual on our hands. It's 26 years since we first met. You were the most enormous newborn baby I had ever seen, sound asleep on your Daddy's bare tummy.*

*As a baby, and as a toddler, you made us laugh for hours at your unexpected quirks and idiosyncrasies. We wondered what such an unusual boy would grow up to be. But you proved yourself to be conscientious, a hard worker, someone who sets lofty goals and reaches them, a responsible, optimistic young man, with a mature, pensive outlook, who brings joy, honour and pride to his family, not only to Mum, Dad and Elise, but to his entire family.*

*You love serious matters like science, adventure, roughing it in the Australian bush, and you love to eat – meat and lots of it! Nice people gravitate to you. You made great friends throughout your life. You have a sense of humour, and your smile always reaches your eyes and lights up your face. Your innocence is so sweet – a tall, handsome young man, with maximum potential, setting out on his own in life, venturing to the other side of the world, as countless young people do. You were ready. Mum and Dad had prepared you thoroughly.*

*We thought you'd be only a phone call away. We thought that in the next couple of years, we would visit you in America and you would show us around. We thought you might even introduce us to someone special. But instead you've been taken ahead of us into the great unknown.*

*Neil, we think about you every day. Looking at your photos and remembering your childhood has brought back the best memories of happy, happy times:*

- When you were a little boy, pretending to be a car, with windscreen wipers whipping back and forth.*
- The time I gave you and Elise chocolate Easter eggs, against Mum and Dad's advice, and you went completely out of control, running round and round and round the cabin.*
- When you and Elise sold us rocks and water from the play-shop you made at Green Bushes. You called it Bala.*
- When we all had Christmas together.*
- When you and your mates (all tall as giants) stayed at Jenolan Caves.*
- When you got older and busier, but you, Elise, Mum and Dad still popped in to see us at Bathurst, and we still popped over to Hornsby to visit you and Gram – short visits, but it makes me happy that you liked my cooking.*

*Our love is with you, as always. You have always been surrounded with love, and you always will be in our hearts.*

*Love, Auntie Carolyn and Uncle Geoff*

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**Carolyn Melbourne** - November 17, 2021 at 01:13 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Neil William Anderson.*



November 16, 2021 at 12:45 PM



“ *From the Turner Family purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Mr. Neil William Anderson.*



**From the Turner Family** - November 16, 2021 at 06:00 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Neil William Anderson.*



November 16, 2021 at 04:53 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Neil William Anderson.*



November 15, 2021 at 07:31 AM