



## Neil F. Bennett

November 22, 1923 - August 5, 2006

BENNETT – Mr. Neil Bennett, 82 of Alpharetta, GA, passed away Saturday, August 6, 2006. Neil graduated from Grand Forks Central High School in 1941, served as an officer in the US Navy in the Pacific in World War II, and graduated from the University of North Dakota in 1948. While working in New York City, he met and married Claire, the love of his life for more than 55 years. Neil was a devoted family man often traveling with her to visit his children and grandchildren. He was supportive of all their endeavors, professional, personal and athletic; as a counselor, confidant and fan. Neil enjoyed sharing his love of fishing and the outdoors with his children and grandchildren. Neil was a pioneer in the discount mass-merchandising business that today defines retail sales in the United States and the world. He was one of the initial employees of Target in Minneapolis, rising from buyer to vice president in its first decade of business. Thereafter he worked for and became president of Richway Stores in Atlanta until 1987, which later was sold to Target. He is survived by his wife, Claire Bennett; daughter, Jane Elliott and husband Brad of Chattanooga, TN; sons, Robert Bennett and wife Rebecca of Minneapolis, MN; and James Bennett and wife Shari of Lynchburg, VA; brother John D. Bennett of Madison, WI; and 9 grandchildren, Matthew Bennett and wife Meagan, Kelly Bennett, Andrew Bennett, Kathryn Bennett, Benjamin Bennett, Kyle Elliott, Paige Elliott, Christina Bennett, and Lindsay Bennett. Mass will be held on Wednesday, August 9, 2006 at 10:00 AM at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church with Father Doug Medlin

officiating. Interment will follow at Georgia National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations are suggested to the Vitas – Haven House Hospice, 5411 Northland Dr. Atlanta, GA 30342. The family will receive friends on Tuesday from 6-8PM at Northside Chapel Funeral Directors, Roswell, GA 770-645-1414. [www.northsidechapel.com](http://www.northsidechapel.com)

# Previous Events

## Service

AUG 9. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church  
535 Rucker Road  
Alpharetta, GA

# Tribute Wall



“ Neil F. Bennett

October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ Jim and Family,  
We all hate to loose a friend or family member, however it is a part of life and we all know we will meet again in heaven and we will. I'm very sorry for your loss and my prayers and thoughts are with you.  
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“ Jim & Family:

I am so sorry to hear of your loss.  
Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family,  
especially your mother Claire, at this time of sorrow.###imported-begin###Carolyn Horst###imported-end###

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