



Neville Sender

July 26, 1931 - September 26, 2021

Neville Sender, M.D., passed away peacefully on Sunday, September 26, 2021, surrounded by his wife and children. Loved by so many, Neville smiled while receiving loving phone calls from friends, family and his grandchildren.

Neville left a legacy of good works behind him. He was a passionate crusader for social justice and health care for women.

Born in Leeds, England on July 26, 1931, Neville dedicated his life to the healing arts. From a very young age, he knew his purpose was to become a doctor.

Neville's intelligence and humor remained intact until the very end. His sense of humor was legendary. Even on his death bed, he managed to elicit laughter by audaciously flirting with the love of his life, Adrienne Pollack-Sender.

Neville and his medical partners (Nathan Hillrich, M.D., deceased) and LeRoyce Chambers, M.D., built a formidable women's health practice in Milwaukee. Collectively, they delivered over 10,000 babies.

Neville introduced the concept of "Birthing Rooms" into Metropolitan Milwaukee's delivery rooms in 1973.

Recognizing that rape victims were not receiving the necessary physical, psychological and legal care, in 1976, Neville and his partners created Greater Milwaukee's first Sexual Assault and Treatment Center.

Neville never retreated from his responsibilities as a healer. As a medical student at the University of Sheffield Medical School (Sheffield, England), he witnessed the tragedy of a young woman's botched abortion. Neville's professor told him that this was a preventable death and this choice whether a woman should have one, should be her decision only.

Neville believed so strongly that this should be a private decision that he literally put his own life on the line, receiving countless death threats and visits from the FBI urging him to wear a bulletproof vest which he refused. Neville testified before Congress to support free access to abortion clinics. He was most gratified when it passed.

Although Neville's contributions to the health of his adopted city, Milwaukee, are too numerous to name, Neville's family knows first-hand how lucky we were to have him as a husband, father, grandfather, cousin, uncle and friend. His intelligence, love, humor and wisdom sustained us through the good as well as the more difficult times.

For 99.9% of his life, Neville provided us with care. For the last year or so of his life, this role was reversed. His family is forever grateful to Roger Neal who was hired as a caregiver but soon became a member of our family.

With all of his professional accomplishments, Neville was most proud of his children and grandchildren for their humor, silliness, computer acumen, their interests in writing, sports, arts, politics, business, and dance, and especially of those who found their voice by more unconventional means.

Although Neville's presence is no longer with us, his legacy of healing, generosity, and humor lives on.

We're so very, very proud of you.

We love you so very, very much.

Neville is survived by wife Adrienne Pollack-Sender; his children Jonathan (Mary) Sender, Gillian Sender, Russell (Brenda) Sender, Marjie (Steve) Alloy, Nancy Singer, Linda (Michael) Orleans; grandchildren Nathan, Dana, Brandon, Lindsey, Danielle, Jacob, and Kayla; and, brothers/sisters-in-law, Joel Biller and Susan and Richard Miller. He was preceded in death by wife, Valerie Sender.

Graveside services 1 PM Wednesday, September 29, 2021 at Mound Zion Cemetery, 14510 W. North Ave., Brookfield, WI. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Planned Parenthood or a charity of your choice.

Those attending funeral services and shiva are asked to be fully vaccinated, masked and observe proper distancing.

Topic: Neville Sender Graveside Service

Time: Sep 29, 2021 01:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81022747351?pwd=WXo2amtnOHdJT2FMeVJkNWQveHN3UT09>

Meeting ID: 810 2274 7351

Passcode: Sender

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Cemetery Details

Mound Zion Cemetery

14510 W. North Ave.
Brookfield, WI 53005

Previous Events

Service

SEP **29**. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Neville Sender*

October 06, 2023 at 01:40 PM



“ *Sending blessings and goods thoughts about Neville to Adrienne. Thinking of you.
-Walt & Lucy Kaufmann*

Walt & Lucy Kaufmann - September 30, 2021 at 04:16 PM



“ *Cousin Neville were the Greatest of Friends up until our University Days. Quite inseperable!! The fact that our Granma (Bobby) lived in the same homestead as Cousin Neville evokes many lovely Memories.
My sincerest Sympathies to Adrienne and the Mourning Sender family*

Regards from Mottle SHAW in NetanyaISRAEL

Mottle Shaw - September 30, 2021 at 06:22 AM



“ *I did not have the pleasure of Neville Sender's acquaintance. I know of him only through his daughter Gillian's tales. So, I know him to be a man of conviction, courage, intellect and honor. My respect and condolences to all who love him. May you feel compassion, love and peace. Dawn Zehren*

Dawn Zehren - September 29, 2021 at 09:13 PM

JD

“Neville's intellectual brilliance and wonderful sense of humor will be greatly missed. I have lost a friend with whom I confided many times.

Jim Deshur

Jim Deshur - September 29, 2021 at 11:16 AM



“Dr. Sender was one of the blessings in my life. He helped me through a difficult pregnancy and delivered my son by C-Section in 1966. He was a kind and caring man and I love him still ~ and always will. I send heartfelt condolences to his family.

Carolyn Berry - September 29, 2021 at 10:32 AM

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“A wonderful, kind, brilliant, and loving person. May his memory be for a blessing. Any may you, his family, find comfort knowing the special place “Dr. Sender” will always have in so many hearts.

Niki Karp Skinner - September 29, 2021 at 08:44 AM

JS

“Dear Uncle Neville. He was a remarkable man. His love, care and concern has touched so many people. We have all been blessed to have had him in our lives. Adrienne we send you all our love. Jerry, Jan, Hannah and Fi.

Jerry Sender - September 29, 2021 at 05:03 AM

HM

Neville Sender, M.D. A gentleman of extraordinary intellect, humor and dedication represented the qualities of morality and empathy necessary in a physician. My wife and I extend our sympathy to Adrienne and their families. He was a blessing to them and our community. Harvey and Maris Bock

Harvey M. Bock, M.D. - September 29, 2021 at 11:43 AM

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*I was a patient of Dr. Hilrich, Sender and Chambers. It was a wonderful experience to deliver 3 of my 4 children with the group. They added so much to the community. Birthing rooms were the best.
Robin Cohen*

Robin Cohen - September 30, 2021 at 05:29 PM