



Maurice "Mike" Everest Newnam III

August 12, 1933 - October 11, 2022

Maurice E. (Mike) Newnam III, of Easton, MD, died on Tuesday, October 11, 2022, surrounded by family. He was 89 years old.

Born in Easton, August 12, 1933, he was the son of the late M. Everest, Jr., and Louise Wright Newnam. He was the stepson of the late Lillian Pritchett Newnam.

After graduating from Easton High School in 1951, Mike went to Eckels College of Mortuary Science in Philadelphia to receive his mortuary education. Following his graduation from Eckels, he returned to Easton for a brief time before enlisting in the U.S. Marine Corps for eight years of service.

After serving three years on active duty, he returned to Easton to join the family funeral business known as Maurice E. Newnam & Son. In 1970, he took over the ownership of the business to operate under the name "Newnam Funeral Home, P.A." During this time, he owned and operated funeral homes in Easton, St. Michaels, Sharptown, Centreville, and Queenstown. He also was the owner and operator of Newnam Service, Inc. Memorial Division.

In 1996, he was the founding partner in the business known today as Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A., with several locations on the Eastern Shore and Annapolis. Mike retired at 70, after 50 years of service.

Along with serving the community as a mortician, Mike served as cemeterian for the Oxford Cemetery, retiring in 2018 after 30 years of service.

Besides his family, Mike's main interest in life was serving others, both as a mortician and as a member of several local, state, and national organizations, many of which he served in a leadership role.

Mike is survived by his wife, the former Susan L. Hill, whom he married in 1968; a daughter, Michelle L. Lowrey and her husband, Alan and their four children, Aiden, Suzanna, Elaina, and Lucas; a son, Maurice E. Newnam, IV (Mo), his wife Lora, and his three sons, Maurice E. (Max) Newnam V, Nicholas Newnam and Owen Newnam. He is also survived by two very special people, a stepson, Steven T. Wrightson (Mindy), and a stepdaughter, Elaine A. Wrightson, of Easton.

Friends may call at the Easton Volunteer Fire Department on Leonard Reick Drive from 5pm – 8pm on Tuesday, October 18, 2022. A Masonic Memorial Service conducted by Coats Lodge #102 will follow the viewing at 8pm.

The funeral service will be held on Wednesday, October 19, 2022, at 10am, at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Easton, MD.

Interment with Military and Fire Company Honors will follow at Oxford Cemetery, Oxford, MD. The funeral service will be live-streamed to Mike's Tribute Page on the funeral home website for those wishing to join remotely.

Memorial donations in Mike's memory may be made to the Easton Volunteer Fireman's Fund, in care of the Mid-Shore Community Foundation, 102 E. Dover St., Easton, MD 21601.

The family also asks if friends would write or type their memories/stories of Mike and drop them in the memory box at the visitation or funeral for a remembrance book being made. Alternatively, they can be emailed to: memoriesofmike33@gmail.com or dropped by at the funeral home. Photos would also be appreciated and can be e-mailed or dropped in the memory box. They can be returned if a name and address are attached.

Cemetery Details

Oxford Cemetery

Oxford, MD

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 18. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Easton Volunteer Fire Company
315 Leonard Rieck Drive
Easton, MD 21601

Masonic Service

OCT 18. 8:00 PM (ET)

Easton Volunteer Fire Company
315 Leonard Rieck Drive
Easton, MD 21601

Funeral Service

OCT 19. 10:00 AM (ET)

Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church
1210 South Washington Street
Easton, MD

Graveside Service

OCT **19**. 11:30 AM (ET)

Oxford Cemetery
Oxford, MD

Military and Fire Company Honors will be rendered.

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Mike's Service in memory of Maurice "Mike" Everest Newnam III*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - October 19, 2022 at 09:23 AM

RN

Will miss you dear relative

Ronnie Newnam - October 20, 2022 at 09:35 PM

MH

Cousin Mike, you will be missed. I know that Mom, Dad & the rest of the Wright families were there with open arms. ❤️

Megan Wright Hollingshead - October 21, 2022 at 01:07 PM



“ *Maurice "Mike" Everest Newnam III*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Maurice "Mike" Everest Newnam III*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Maurice "Mike" Everest Newnam III*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM

PF

“ Years ago, as an RN for Talbot Hospice I had the pleasure of accompanying Mike Newnam and others from Newnam’s and other RNs to a Hospice conference in Baltimore. Somehow during the ride the conversation was broached whether individuals had discussed their wishes regarding whether they wanted to be buried or cremated. I shared that I grew up in Baltimore and even though there were many beautiful cemeteries, I thought too much land was devoted to burying bodies in the ground and I wish to be cremated. Mike asked if I knew about the process and he took the time to describe what the process entails so I was sure regarding this decision and educated me step by step regarding this process. When he finished educating myself and any others who chose to listen, he asked whether I felt any differently about my initial decision. I first thanked him for educating me about the specifics of cremation, but my decision remained the same.

Mike was always a professional no matter whether it was after the death of a Hospice patient in the middle of the night, when we crossed paths in Easton, and especially when my husband died five years ago. He brighten the world with his big smile and a laugh that was even bigger, but most of all he was a pillar in our community who cared and comforted many.

Peggy Ferguson - January 09, 2023 at 10:25 PM

June Shortall

“ June Shortall sent a virtual gift in memory of Maurice "Mike" Everest Newnam III



June Shortall - October 24, 2022 at 07:06 AM

JT

“ *Joan Toms lit a candle in memory of Maurice "Mike" Everest Newnam III*



Joan Toms - October 19, 2022 at 08:04 PM

JC

“ *"Mr. Mike" was a part of Easton's civic life and a pillar of our community for a generation. His life touched thousands of others in a positive way. In addition to being a devoted husband and family man, he was a dedicated volunteer firefighter, a supporter of local kids and families in need, a source of strength to thousands whom he comforted in times of loss and despair. But, perhaps most importantly, he was a good man. His loss is felt by all of us who felt his genuine warmth and compassion. Condolences to his family. Rest in peace, Mr. Mike.*



Jim Chance - October 19, 2022 at 06:08 PM

CS

“ *Whenever we lost a friend or beloved family member, Mike was there to stand with us and help us through. His calm demeanor, graciousness, and caring meant so much in our times of sorrow. We extend our deepest condolences and care to Mike's family. May God surround you with His comfort and love.*
John and Cathy Sewell

Cathy Sewell - October 18, 2022 at 03:12 PM

BY

“ I had the pleasure of knowing and working with Mr. Mike for several years. He always had my back. He was truly an exceptional person and we will all feel his loss. He would always tell me stories and I enjoyed our chats. When I first met him I was a little intimidated by him until I really got to know him. Mr. Mike and Sue were always very dear to me. Sending my condolences to the entire family. He will be greatly missed.

Belinda York

Belinda York - October 18, 2022 at 11:40 AM

JS

“ Ms. Sue & family: It has truly been an honor to know and emulate Mike. A noble expression of the best funeral service has to offer. May his memory be eternal.

*JD Slack family & staff
Slack Fueral Home, P.A.*

JD Slack - October 17, 2022 at 07:17 PM

MB

“ I started working in the funeral industry at the age of 19 in a gorgeous funeral home in Easton- Newnam Funeral Home. I can will always remember coming in to the funeral home in the middle of the night and Mr. Newnam would be sitting at the desk so distinguished and professional. I am where I am today because of the chance I was given at 19 years old. For this I will always be grateful.

Melissa Harvey Blake - October 17, 2022 at 04:44 PM

RB

“ *Roberta Craig and Tina Brown purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Maurice "Mike" Everest Newnam III.*



Roberta Craig and Tina Brown - October 17, 2022 at 12:04 PM

EL

“ *Please know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. The loss of Mike will be felt deeply. -Ed & Carol Lassahn & Family*

Ed Lassahn - October 17, 2022 at 10:41 AM

JB

“ *Dear Newnam Family, Our condolences and prayers are with you all.
-The Barranco Family*

John Barranco - October 16, 2022 at 09:49 AM

SD

“ *Sara Jane Davidson lit a candle in memory of Maurice "Mike" Everest Newnam III*



Sara Jane Davidson - October 14, 2022 at 06:08 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Maurice "Mike" Everest Newnam III.*



October 14, 2022 at 12:00 PM



“ *J White lit a candle in memory of Maurice "Mike" Everest Newnam III*



J White - October 14, 2022 at 11:13 AM



“ *Debbie and JC Correa*



Debbie Correa - October 14, 2022 at 11:04 AM



“ *We are so very sorry to hear of Mike's passing. Long time business and good friend to our family and business! May God be with you all during this sad time. The Conaway Family*

Debbie Conaway - October 14, 2022 at 10:29 AM

PF

“ Mike' passing was such sad news for the whole community and my heart goes out to Sue and the family at their loss of this fine man. He gave so much comfort to others, and I know he would appreciate the fact that so many now want to give some measure of comfort to those he left behind. You all are indeed in our prayers. We are all better for having known Mike Newnam.



Phil Foster - October 14, 2022 at 03:50 AM

KK

“ Kerry King lit a candle in memory of Maurice "Mike" Everest Newnam III



Kerry King - October 13, 2022 at 07:32 PM

LL

“ For so many years Mike gave to others in Talbot County and beyond. Always others above self. RIP my friend 🙏🙏

Lou Lister - October 13, 2022 at 07:25 PM

JC

“ June Clark lit a candle in memory of Maurice "Mike" Everest Newnam III



June Clark - October 13, 2022 at 06:40 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Maurice "Mike" Everest Newnam III.*



October 13, 2022 at 02:50 PM



“ *Megan Neaton lit a candle in memory of Maurice "Mike" Everest Newnam III*



Megan Neaton - October 13, 2022 at 02:24 PM



“ *I have known Mike for many years and had the privilege to work on one of his committees at the National Level when he was President of NFDA. He was a true gentleman who always carried himself professionally in the most dignified manner. Funeral Service has lost a true icon of the industry. Rest in peace Mike, you have certainly earned it.*

My sympathies to all the Newnam family. Keith Parsell and all the Parsell Funeral Home Staff.

Keith Parsell - October 13, 2022 at 12:58 PM

CC

“ Charlie And Mollie Connolly lit a candle in memory of Maurice "Mike" Everest Newnam III



Charlie and Mollie Connolly - October 13, 2022 at 12:01 PM

MR

“ Marlene Rice lit a candle in memory of Maurice "Mike" Everest Newnam III



Marlene Rice - October 13, 2022 at 11:59 AM

GP

“ Gene And Lynda Palmatary sent a virtual gift in memory of Maurice "Mike" Everest Newnam III



Gene and Lynda Palmatary - October 13, 2022 at 11:56 AM

GP

Sue and family: Thinking of you in our prayers during the loss of Mike. He will surely be missed in the community and hold onto the wonderful memories. They will surely make your loss easier. Prayers and Blessings, Gene and Lynda Palmatary, Centreville.

Gene and Lynda Palmatary - October 13, 2022 at 11:58 AM

BE

*As I think of Mike, and Susan too,
I recognize, appreciatively, of all they would do
For grieving families and so many friends
Their kindnesses and empathy had no ends
They knew what to say and just what to do
To make the experience less painful for you
As your loved one was laid to rest
One forever knew that they had been given the best
Mike had a wonderful way for those that live on
And an apparent warmth in helping them be strong
On a personal note of many years ago when the funeral procession
went by our street,
Mike's persona and stride always made the procession complete
I must admit, that I took a few glances at "that good-looking Mr.
Newnam.....
An old Easton story and an absolutely true one*

*My sincere sympathy to Mike's family and friends
Easton, too, has lost a good man, as has our entire community.
With heartfelt thanks,
Beverly Corkran Edgell*

Beverly Corkran Edgell - October 18, 2022 at 12:08 AM

SN

“ *I have known Mr Mike since I was a child. If I
was to someone's service he would always ask
me about how my mom was before she died.
What a wonderful man. May Mr Mike RIP. He
was a comfort to many during a difficult time.*



Sharon Schlotzhauer (Neuwiller) - October 13, 2022 at 10:15 AM

CP

“ *Carol Prettyman lit a candle in memory of
Maurice "Mike" Everest Newnam III*



Carol Prettyman - October 13, 2022 at 09:54 AM

RD

“ Ritchie Dulin lit a candle in memory of Maurice "Mike" Everest Newnam III



Ritchie Dulin - October 13, 2022 at 06:30 AM

FG

“ Faye Gadow lit a candle in memory of Maurice "Mike" Everest Newnam III



Faye Gadow - October 13, 2022 at 01:33 AM

TC

“ The Family Of Lee Callahan lit a candle in memory of Maurice "Mike" Everest Newnam III



The family of Lee Callahan - October 12, 2022 at 10:14 PM

BT

“ Betsy Dulin Truitt lit a candle in memory of Maurice "Mike" Everest Newnam III



Betsy Dulin Truitt - October 12, 2022 at 09:37 PM

JC

“*Joyce & John Cox lit a candle in memory of Maurice "Mike" Everest Newnam III*



Joyce & John Cox - October 12, 2022 at 07:57 PM

DM

“*Dan Mautz lit a candle in memory of Maurice "Mike" Everest Newnam III*



Dan Mautz - October 12, 2022 at 05:49 PM

JO

“*I have always had the utmost respect for Mike. He gave me my start in 1988 in funeral service, I would not have been able to without his help and guidance. He was and always will be an inspiration to this community. Rest easy, you certainly ran the course. Joe Ostrowski*



Joseph M Ostrowski - October 12, 2022 at 05:44 PM

JV

“*Joe And Margaret B. Voshell lit a candle in memory of Maurice "Mike" Everest Newnam III*



Joe and Margaret B. Voshell - October 12, 2022 at 05:05 PM

JV

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your families!

Joe and Margaret B. Voshell - October 12, 2022 at 05:05 PM

C(

“ *Connie Harris (Plutschak) lit a candle in memory of Maurice "Mike" Everest Newnam III*



Connie Harris (Plutschak) - October 12, 2022 at 02:19 PM

C(

Mike was one of the nicest men that you could ever meet.. My condolences to Sue and the family. RIP Mike

Connie Harris (Plutschak) - October 12, 2022 at 02:20 PM

SL

“ *My heart is heavy because we have lost an amazing gentleman. One who worked around the clock to comfort others at their worst time while providing services with the upmost respect of their loved ones. I had the extreme pleasure of working with Mike in his funeral business during the 1980's. I send my love and deepest sympathy to Sue, Michele, Mo and their families.*

Susan Luby - October 12, 2022 at 01:26 PM

GF

I have great memories of Sue and Mike before they were married . Sue had her hair salon near the fire house . Susan's of Talbot every time the fire whistle went off I remember Sue going to the back door to see if she could see Mike since he was a fireman. Later on they were married and I was too. I was so thankful to Mike Kenny and I lost our daughter and Mike was so comforting to me she was only 3 , but he was so kind and understanding . RIP Mike you were a very caring man .

gail fike - October 12, 2022 at 03:55 PM



“ *We have lost a true hero for funeral service. This gentle man gave countless hours helping families heal during some of the darkest times of their lives. Mr. Mike was a visionary, mentor, dedicated citizen, proud veteran, caring family man, and a true professional. Our deepest sympathies to his family and community -Kirk Helfenbein*

Kirk Helfenbein - October 12, 2022 at 12:10 PM