



William Michael Newnam

March 16, 1951 - June 9, 2015

William Michael “Mike” Newnam of Lewes, DE, formerly of Chestertown, MD, died on Tuesday, June 9, 2015, at his home. He was 64.

Born on March 16, 1951, in Chestertown, MD, he was the son of the late John “Blimp” and Audrey Parsons Newnam. Mr. Newnam was a graduate of Chestertown High School, Class of 1969, and later attended Chesapeake College. He married Dee Matthews in 1972. They resided in Chestertown, where he worked at A&P and Bell Atlantic. He worked for over 25 years with Verizon and also worked for Tidewater Utilities in Dover, DE, for seven years. He later worked as a Realtor with Keller Williams Realty in Rehoboth, DE.

While in Chestertown, he coached youth football and little league baseball, served two terms as Kent County Commissioner, and was appointed as Maryland State Delegate serving for a year. He was a past president and board member of the Chester River Yacht and Country Club, member of the Chestertown Lions Club, Trustee of Debbie’s Fund for Animals, and was a registered lobbyist for Verizon and Tidewater Utilities. Throughout his life, he enjoyed golfing and Baltimore sports. With his gregarious personality, he truly never met a stranger.

He was predeceased by Dee Matthews Newnam in 2001.

Mr. Newnam is survived by his daughter, Kristin Harper, and husband, Justin, of Church Hill, MD; brothers, Tom Hill of Charleston, SC, Jack Newnam of Drexel Hill, PA, and Jimmy Newnam of Summerfield, FL; his longtime companion, Karen Barnes; her children, Dustin Ressler and Leah Barnes; and her grandchildren, Kylie Ressler and Kaden Ressler. He is also survived by his aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, June 13, 2015, at 11:00 am at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, 130 Speer Road, Chestertown, MD.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Debbie's Fund for Animals, 794 Milford Canterbury Road, Milford, DE 19963 or Kent County Youth Baseball, 11536 Chesterville Road, Kennedyville, MD 21645.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

Chestertown Location
130 Speer Road
Chestertown, MD 21620
(410) 778-0055
info@fhnfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of William Michael Newnam*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - June 12, 2015 at 10:55 AM



“ *William Michael Newnam*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *William Michael Newnam*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *I was blessed with the opportunity to work with Mike at Tidewater Utilities. He was someone who could make you laugh until you cried. He was a kind hearted, speak your mind kind of guy. My condolences to his family, he was a trooper.*



Donise Cottman - June 12, 2015 at 10:09 PM

JB

“ *Many prayers and much love for Mike. He was truly a great guy and we were blessed to have known him. The Brennan's. John, Jeanne and Gavin Brennan, Granville Estates, Millsboro, DE*

John, Jeanne & Gavin Brennan - June 12, 2015 at 06:47 PM

MW

“ *Michele Weeks lit a candle in memory of William Michael Newnam*



Michele Weeks - June 12, 2015 at 12:37 PM



“ *54 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - June 12, 2015 at 10:06 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William Michael Newnam.*



June 12, 2015 at 09:41 AM



“ *Kay McHenry lit a candle in memory of William Michael Newnam*



Kay McHenry - June 12, 2015 at 09:31 AM



“ *I was proud to know mike and liked him as well. My thoughts are with his family. God Bless.*

Marion Chance - June 11, 2015 at 05:53 PM



“ *Denise Hepbron lit a candle in memory of William Michael Newnam*



Denise Hepbron - June 11, 2015 at 07:50 AM

JH

“ Janet Harris lit a candle in memory of William Michael Newnam



Janet Harris - June 10, 2015 at 10:14 PM

CE

“ Charles & Donna Edwards lit a candle in memory of William Michael Newnam



Charles & Donna Edwards - June 10, 2015 at 08:57 PM

JS

“ Judy Smith lit a candle in memory of William Michael Newnam



Judy Smith - June 10, 2015 at 06:31 PM

SW

“ Sis Williams lit a candle in memory of William Michael Newnam



Sis Williams - June 10, 2015 at 05:50 PM

JP

“ So very sorry to hear of Mike's passing - Such a warm and fussey person. Always enjoyed his company and stories. Our sincerely sympathy to his brothers and families.
Jim & Susan Pritchett



Jim & Susan Pritchett - June 10, 2015 at 04:22 PM

MA

“ *Kristen, Tommy, Jack, Jimmy and family. I was so sorry to hear of Mike's passing. I have great memories of his teasing manner. Rest in peace Mike and may God bless you all. Mary Ann Blakeney Abeska*



Mary Ann Blakeney Abeska - June 10, 2015 at 03:38 PM

WK

“ *Will & Glenda Kelly lit a candle in memory of William Michael Newnam*



Will & Glenda Kelly - June 10, 2015 at 03:30 PM

KB

“ *Kristin, holding you up in thoughts and prayers.*

Kimberly Barroll - June 10, 2015 at 02:32 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William Michael Newnam.



June 10, 2015 at 02:12 PM



“ Lynda Palmatary, Centreville sent a virtual gift in memory of William Michael Newnam



Lynda Palmatary, Centreville - June 10, 2015 at 12:00 PM



To the family: So sorry to hear of Mike's passing. Had many good times when he was Kent County Commissioner and I worked for the Queen Anne's County Commissioners. He was a dedicated Commissioner and loved his County. It is hard to understand they people are taken from us, but find comfort in knowing they were a special part of many lives. Rest in peace Mike and you will never be forgotten. Blessings to his family at this time. Lynda Palmatary, Centreville.

Lynda Palmatary, Centreville - June 10, 2015 at 12:04 PM



“ Many, many happy memories of the "Newnam boys" on Queen Street. I was shocked and sorry to learn of Mike's passing. With sympathy and love to Tommy, Jack and Jimmy.
Pat Vickers Smith



Pat Smith - June 10, 2015 at 10:41 AM

BS

“ *Bill & Stephanie Spencer lit a candle in memory of William Michael Newnam*



Bill & Stephanie Spencer - June 10, 2015 at 10:37 AM

TB

“ *Holding thoughts of Mike close today. He was a groomsman in our wedding. Mike was always up for starting mischief , I loved to hear him laugh. Thinking of Kristin, Tommy, Jack, Jimmy and family. Take Care, Beverly and Tink*

Tink and Beverly Blakeney - June 10, 2015 at 08:37 AM

KO

“ *Kent County Sheriff's Office lit a candle in memory of William Michael Newnam*



Kent County Sheriff's Office - June 10, 2015 at 07:56 AM

KO

The men and women at the Sheriff's Office wish to offer former Commissioner Newnam's family our deepest sympathy.

Kent County Sheriff's Office - June 10, 2015 at 07:58 AM

JH

“ Jeff And Donna Hollett lit a candle in memory of William Michael Newnam



Jeff and Donna Hollett - June 10, 2015 at 07:04 AM

JH

I can remember back in the 60's when my brother Herb Mills would take Mike and Jack to CHS every morning. Very fond memories of them all.

Jeff and Donna Hollett - June 10, 2015 at 07:08 AM

HC

“ Hope & Dave Caldwell lit a candle in memory of William Michael Newnam



Hope & Dave Caldwell - June 09, 2015 at 10:44 PM

JO

“ *I worked with Mike at Tidewater Utilities in Dover, DE. There are many good memories with him around the office and outside of there doing other activities. I was floored this morning learning of his passing. My sincere condolences to Mike's brothers, daughter, and other extended family members in this time of remembrance. He will truly be missed.*

Josh - June 09, 2015 at 09:21 PM

JW

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Jim Woodland - June 09, 2015 at 09:11 PM

JW

Debbie's Fund Trustee

Jim Woodland - June 09, 2015 at 09:12 PM

MW

So sorry and sad to hear of Mikes passing. He was so much fun to be around and an over all good guy. He was the joy of Karens life and he will be missed by so many people. Our sincere sympathies to Karen and her family, and to Kristen and her extended families. Michele & Chuck Weeks

Michele Weeks - June 12, 2015 at 12:35 PM

LC

“ *Loretta Clark Cudnik lit a candle in memory of William Michael Newnam*



Loretta Clark Cudnik - June 09, 2015 at 07:09 PM

LC

I am so very sorry to hear about Mike. My thoughts and prayers are with you. We had a lot of good times trying to solve world problems at Verizon! He will be missed.

Loretta Clark Cudnik - June 09, 2015 at 07:13 PM

DO

“ *Dennis And Doris Olsen lit a candle in memory of William Michael Newnam*



Dennis and Doris Olsen - June 09, 2015 at 04:28 PM

JK

“ *Jackie & Vince Kline lit a candle in memory of William Michael Newnam*



Jackie & Vince Kline - June 09, 2015 at 03:57 PM

SD

“ *Sheila Blyman Dlugoborski lit a candle in memory of William Michael Newnam*



Sheila Blyman Dlugoborski - June 09, 2015 at 03:10 PM

DH

“ *Denny And Judy Hickman lit a candle in memory of William Michael Newnam*



Denny and Judy Hickman - June 09, 2015 at 01:53 PM

TJ

“ *Tom And Nancy Lee Jewell lit a candle in memory of William Michael Newnam*



Tom and Nancy Lee Jewell - June 09, 2015 at 11:22 AM

TJ

Prayers to the family, so sorry.

Tom and Nancy Lee Jewell - June 09, 2015 at 11:23 AM