



Dr. David A. NewMyer

June 14, 1947 - December 12, 2025

IN MEMORY OF:

Dr. David A. NewMyer

Serving Location:

CRAIN PLEASANT GROVE-MURDALE FUNERAL HOME

31 Memorial Drive, Murphysboro, Illinois

Dr. David A. NewMyer of De Soto, Illinois, passed away peacefully on December 12, 2025 in his home surrounded by the love of his family and close friends. He was born on June 14, 1947, in Pasadena, California, and raised in Covina, California. He leaves behind a legacy of love, learning, and kindness that touched countless lives.

David believed deeply in the power of education and dedicated his life to it. He earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Redlands, went on to complete master's degrees at Drew University and Northwestern University, and ultimately earned his PhD from Southern Illinois University–Carbondale. His academic journey reflected both his curiosity and his lifelong commitment to helping others grow and succeed.

For nearly 50 years, David devoted his professional life to Southern Illinois

University— Carbondale, where he played an instrumental role in building and strengthening the Aviation program. Teaching was never just a job to him—it was a calling. He believed in his students, encouraged them to aim higher than they thought possible, and took genuine pride in their successes. Many will remember him not only as a professor, but as a mentor and friend.

Above all, David was a person who could hold a conversation with anyone. He was a kind man. His warmth, generosity, and genuine interest in others made people feel seen and valued. He had a gentle way of connecting with those around him, leaving lasting impressions wherever he went.

David shared 28 loving years with his wife, Sue Burroughs. He was a devoted and loving father to his daughter, Angela NewMyer (Courtney Lemcke), and a caring stepfather to Steven Whyde (Elizabeth), Trevor Murray (Jamie May), and Zoe Roberts. He was a proud and adoring grandfather to Tabby, Toby, and Teddy, who brought him endless joy.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Mirriam Ruth (Rider) and John Bradley NewMyer, and his brother, George NewMyer (Georgiana).

He is survived by his beloved wife Sue; his daughter Angela; his stepchildren Steven, Trevor, and Zoe; his grandchildren Tabby, Toby, and Teddy; his brother John NewMyer Jr; his nephews Scott NewMyer (Janice), John NewMyer (Tracy), and Brad NewMyer (Jenni) and his niece Tina Hathaway; very dear close friends Brad and Dinah Seibert and Joe and Lorelei Ruiz along with countless other friends, colleagues, and former students who will forever cherish his memory.

In honoring David's life, we remember a man who gave freely of his heart, believed deeply in education, and made the world a kinder place simply by being in it. We will miss his unconditional love, support and counsel as well as

his smile and eyes that lit up whenever he was with us.

A Family Hosted Celebrating the Life of Dr. David A. NewMyer will be held on Saturday, March 21st at 1:30 PM in the De Soto Grade School Gymnasium, 311 Hurst Road, De Soto, Illinois.

Dave believed deeply in the power of Education, in the importance of connection, and in appreciating the people around him. Teaching was his calling, but caring for others was his gift. Please join us in honoring his legacy, for sharing your memories, and for helping remember a kind man whose warmth, curiosity, and belief in others will continue to live on through all of us.

Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

Family Hosted Celebration of Life

MAR 21. 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Desoto Grade School Gymnasium
311 Hurst Rd
De Soto, IL 62924
(618) 867-2317

Tribute Wall

KW

“ *I never would have graduated from SIU-C if it had not been for David Newmeyer! While attending SIU-C for an Aviation Management Degree, David Newmeyer was like an amazing father like figure and wonderful mentor! Kevin A. Wood, Retired Airline Pilot - SIU-C Graduate 1989.*

Kevin A. Wood - May 10 at 01:24 AM

TP

“ *The Priesters purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Dr. David A. NewMyer.*



The Priesters - March 18 at 05:21 PM

JP

“ *Thoughts and prayers to the NewMyer family with the passing of Dave.
Dr. NewMyer always enjoyed teaching his material and relating it to the present times of the airline industry. His work in both on and off campus, at various military basis and SIU events was always exemplary.
Dave will be missed by all his present and past students along with his immediate SIU and personal family.
Prayers for Dave and the family.*

Jan Podrebarac - January 02 at 09:06 AM

BW

Well put Jan. Could not have put it any better. May God bless Dave and Family. My deepest condolences. Brian Wiedenfeld.

Brian Wiedenfeld - January 02 at 10:54 AM

HW

“ Dear Sue and Angela. My deepest sympathies for the loss of Dave, a great man. I knew him for more than 50 years. We co-authored a book together, *Aviation Industry Regulation* and visited with one another when teaching at the same off-campus aviation management site. I recall jogging with him in San Diego. He ran track in college and was a good athlete. I visited and stayed with him when he was the program coordinator in Yuma. Angela was about one year old. I also stayed over one time in Desoto and he stayed at my house when passing through Phoenix. Dave’s ability to easily connect with people really helped the ASU Off Campus Aviation Program flourish. He opened up new programs in Colorado Springs, Chicago, and St. Louis. I had an opportunity to teach at each of those locations. Dave was very proud of his daughter Angela’s advancement as a microbiologist and dearly loved his wife Sue.. I will miss him.

Harry Wolfe - December 28, 2025 at 12:13 PM

KV

“ I am sorry to hear about your loss



Katie Vinyard - December 20, 2025 at 05:58 PM

S'

“ There are several lifetimes of aviation professionals that were positively impacted by Dr Newmyer. He was legendary

SIUC Grad '05 - December 18, 2025 at 09:24 PM

ET

“ Oh, my, Sue, I am so very sorry for the loss of your beloved David who was admired & appreciated by so many. I worked with David in the same row of offices for years & we were only 1.5 months different in age. David fought & won so many health battles that I can't believe he is gone. Widowhood is something we share & especially the first year is difficult, but finally the happy memories replace the deep hurt. Do let others reach out to you & take your own time to grieve.

Eileen Troutt-Ervin - December 16, 2025 at 05:44 PM

MK

“ Dear Sue, I am so sorry for your loss. It is especially difficult during the Holiday Season. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Michelle Kibby - December 16, 2025 at 01:39 PM

SP

“ Sue, my deepest sympathies to you and the family. I met Dave while doing a professional jobshare/internship through CASA and he was most gracious in providing me advice and guidance. He was looked up to and respected by all in the College.
Susan Walch-Pimentel

Susan Walch Pimentel - December 16, 2025 at 12:29 PM

SL

“ Oh Sue, I'm so very sorry. When my office was in "the closet" with all the Aviation guys Dave was always so nice to me. And you were a great office mate when they put me on the side of YOUR office. Please accept my sincerest condolences.
Sherri Lukes

Sherri M Lukes - December 15, 2025 at 05:08 PM

FS

Dear Sue, I am so sorry for your loss. Dave's obituary shows what a wonderful man he was, and what a wonderful life he led. May those memories, and your loving family, bring comfort to you. It will not be an easy holiday season, but may you find peace, hope, and light in this dark time of year.

Fran Scholl - December 16, 2025 at 11:04 AM

PM

So sad, we lost a good and faithful Lion with the passing of Lion David.

PDG Larry McGuire - December 18, 2025 at 08:56 AM