



James Frederick Newton

April 16, 1927 - November 26, 2021

James F. Newton, 94 of Carbondale, passed away Friday, November 26, 2021 at Manor Court in Carbondale.

James F. Newton was born April 16, 1927 in McClure, IL to Webb and Joyce (Douglas) Newton.

He attended SIU in Carbondale for 2 years and then Washington University in St. Louis for 3 years with a degree with high honors in Civil Engineering and a major in bridge architecture. He was an honorary member of Tau Beta Pi and Sigma Xi.

He married Gilda Thompson on September 4, 1954 in Murphysboro, Illinois and she preceded him in death August 3, 2019. He was employed for 35 years with the Illinois Department of Transportation in Carbondale; with the last 16 years being District Engineer in charge of the southern 13 counties in Illinois. He retired in March of 1984 and enjoyed the last 34 years with the love of his life, Gilda. James loved going to church to worship the Lord. He enjoyed traveling with his wife and their two children all over the United States, and he and Gilda also traveled to many countries in Europe. He really enjoyed fishing especially for bluegill.

They were blessed with two loving children, Cheryl Kay of Wilton Manors, FL

and a son James E. Newton of Chicago. One brother Lynn (Martha) Newton St. Charles, Mo, one brother-in-law, Wiley E. Thompson of Las Cruces, New Mexico and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Gilda, and two sister-in-law, Dorothy Qualls and Mary Crawshaw.

Funeral services for James F. Newton will be Wednesday December 1, 2021 at 1:00PM at Crain Pleasant Grove Murdale Funeral Home with Pastor Marvin Boswell officiating. Interment will follow at Pate Chapel Cemetery in Murphysboro.

Visitation will be from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the funeral home on Wednesday December 1, 2021.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to This Able Veteran and will be accepted at the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

Pate Chapel Cemetery

Grange Hall Road
Murphysboro, IL 62966

Previous Events

Visitation & Service

DEC 1. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home - Old 13
31 Memorial Dr.
Murphysboro, IL 62966
(618) 687-2500
crain@crainsonline.com

Funeral Service

DEC 1. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *James Frederick Newton*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Jim and Gilda were two of the finest people I ever met. They were neighbors to my parents for decades. Jim was a huge help to me when my mom started having health issues. He helped both my parents often, and also reached out to me since I live in Texas and couldn't be there. I will be forever grateful to both of your parents. I am so sorry about my late response, I just heard the sad news of his passing. My condolences to Jimmy and Cheryl. Know that you are in my prayers.- Karen Borger*

Karen Borger - June 01, 2022 at 08:48 PM



“ *Sending my condolences to the Newton family. Had the honor of helping him when Mrs. Newton was ill. He was wonderful and dedicated in helping all needs. He worked with my late Uncle Robert McCormick for years at IDOT. Keep His legacy alive in your hearts, souls, and minds. Honor to have met him and get histor of Him friends with my Mom's brother. Prayers. Karen McNealy McMinn. Carbondale Il*



Karen McNeely McMinn - December 03, 2021 at 10:40 PM



Thank you Karen, Jimmy Newton.

Jimmy - January 10, 2022 at 12:30 PM

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jimmy - December 03, 2021 at 08:57 AM

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“ Jim Newton was one of the finest persons I have ever met. He was stern but never loud or angry. I remember being invited to their home for Christmas parties and Jim's huge collection of Poinsettias. He sure knew how to grow them.

Warren Kiefer - December 02, 2021 at 03:28 PM

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Kind words Warren, thank you.

Jimmy - December 04, 2021 at 08:22 AM

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“ Cheryl and James - It was our privilege to have your parents as dental patients. I have known them for many years. Both were so kind and gentle and caring. We have missed your Mother and now will miss your Father. How lucky you and your families are to have such kind loving parents.

Dianna Gaultney

Dianna Gaultney - December 02, 2021 at 09:31 AM

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Thank you Dianna, we are lucky.

Jimmy - December 04, 2021 at 08:21 AM

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jimmy - November 30, 2021 at 10:58 AM