



James (Jim) Newsom

February 6, 1952 - June 10, 2021

James William Newsom, Jr., of Ashdown, AR died on June 10, 2021 in Ashdown. James (Jim) was born to James W. Newsom, Sr. and Virgie A. Moore Newsom on February 6, 1952 in Harrisburg, Ar. He is preceded in death by his parents, his father and mother-in-law, W.T. and Ina Wade, one sister-in-law, Donna Wade Crain, one brother-in-law, Jack H. Young, Jr, and one nephew, Brandon Giles. James was a long-time teacher of High School English and Journalism in various High Schools. He served as a Congressional Aid to Congressman Mike Ross and is an author. His passion was being a Journalist/Reporter for 30 plus years. Jim worked on newspapers throughout many states including Arkansas newspapers, The Northwest Times in Fayetteville, The Hope Star, The Nashville News, The Little River News in Ashdown, and retired from the Sentinel Record in Hot Springs, Arkansas. He received several first-place awards for his excellence in journalism and first place excellence for the state of Arkansas for the coverage of the Albert Pike flood. Jim loved fishing, baseball, music, opera, reading, hockey and being with family. Jim would tell you that two of the best places he had ever been was Canada Niagara Falls with his wife and their trip to Little Rock to see his famous idol, Paul McCartney. Also his trip to New York City and Yellowstone National Park. He is a member of St. Luke Episcopal Church in Hot Springs, AR.

Mr. Newsom is survived by his wife, Sherry Wade Newsom of Ashdown, his two sons, Don B. Newsom and James W. Newsom III of Hope, AR, three

daughters, Charlissa Newsom of Poquoson, Virginia, Stephanie Zayouna (Duraid) of Katy, Tx and Stacy Revalee (Wallace) of Texarkana, TX, twelve grandchildren and one sister, Mary Wilkinson (Steve) of Virginia Beach, Virginia and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be Monday, June 14, 2021 at 2:00 at Madden Funeral Home in Ashdown with Richard T. Wade officiating. Interment to follow at Arden Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Arden Cemetery

390 LR 11
Ashdown, AR 71822

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JUN 14. 2:00 PM (CT)

Madden Funeral Home - Ashdown
371 N 3rd Street
PO Box 428
Ashdown, AR 71822
(870) 898-3331
<https://maddenfuneralservice.com/>

Tribute Wall

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“ *thinking about you, grandpa Jim! miss you lots* ♡



Selma - February 14 at 01:26 AM



“ *James (Jim) Newsom*

October 08, 2023 at 02:47 PM

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“ *I lost my mom about the same time Jim passed away; so I did not learn of his passing until later and was reminded of him recently. He and I worked together "tag teaming" stories at The Hope Star in several investigative projects that resulted in Associated Press recognition. He had intelligent instincts as a reporter and he loved police beat. He always spoke of the novel he had in progress and I'd love to know if he eventually published it.*

Ken McLemore, Hope, Arkansas

Ken McLemore - October 02, 2021 at 01:06 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of James (Jim) Newsom.*



June 13, 2021 at 04:24 PM

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“ Sherry, so sorry for your loss. Praying for you and your family.
Condolences, Gail Tabler Mckellar

Katherine McKellar - June 12, 2021 at 08:40 PM

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“ James was an awesome reporter and a super nice guy.

Tim Stockdale - June 11, 2021 at 08:13 PM

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“ Jim went from a newsman. To a good friend. We had several times together on stories, I was doing. The last time. He sat all day to cover our 25 ton Crane recovery ,sunk in 100 ft of water. He told me it was worth it. He really enjoyed it. Love this man's heart. He was always concerned about others.

BILL Carpenter - June 11, 2021 at 06:50 PM