



Leon James Newman

October 28, 1932 - February 21, 2019

LEON JAMES NEWMAN

Born October 28, 1932 and died of leukemia on February 21, 2019. He was married to his wife Patsy Ray for almost 61 years, who survives him along with his two children, Leon Jay Newman of Dallas and his wife Janna, and Patti Newman Johnston of Arkadelphia and her husband, Sidney. Also surviving are his three grandchildren Emily Davis, Jordan Newman and Jack Newman. In July 2018, Sydney Katherine Davis, his first great-grandchild, was born.

Leon was a 1953 graduate of Mineral Springs, Arkansas High School and was named the first All-State football player from that school. Upon graduating high school, he joined the United States Army during the Korean War, serving from 1953 to 1955 and was honorably discharged. He was stationed in Baden Baden, American sector, West Germany and was part of a network of soldiers used to courier documents to other American bases in post-WWII Europe. He played catcher on the base's baseball team that won the championship of western Europe's American service bases.

In the late 1950s and early '60s he coached Pee Wee football in Fort Worth, ultimately winning the Pee Wee city league. After moving to Foreman, Arkansas, he volunteered for the Little League baseball program.

During the early 1970s, he served as Scout Leader of Troop 50 of Boy Scouts of America for five years. He was active in the local Kiwanis Club during this time and twice served as president of the club.

For more than 25 years, Leon Newman served as chairman of the administrative board of the First United Methodist Church of Foreman. He was one of two key individuals who worked tirelessly for two years to raise funds to design and construct a new church building that was completed in 1976. It is this church where funeral services will be held on Monday.

He served on the Foreman Public Schools' board of education for twelve years, many of those years as board chairman. He served as Foreman City councilman for four years.

Beginning in June 1964, Leon began working for Foreman's Piggly Wiggly supermarket (now Young's Thriftway) and worked there until retiring in 1997. During his years of retirement, he became an avid gardener and took great pride in the many varieties of vegetables and fruits that he and Patsy eagerly shared with everyone.

The viewing and family reception will be Sunday afternoon from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Madden Chapel in Foreman.

Funeral services will be Monday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in Foreman and handled by Madden Funeral Home.

Burial services will be held at Bingen-Ozan Cemetery in Nashville, Arkansas at approximately 4:00 p.m.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **24.** 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Madden Funeral Home - Foreman
306 Schuman Street
Foreman, AR 71836
(870) 898-3331
<https://maddenfuneralservice.com/>

Funeral Service

FEB **25.** 2:00 PM.

First United Methodist Church
North Bell Street
Foreman, AR

Tribute Wall



“ *Leon James Newman*

October 08, 2023 at 02:47 PM



“ *My condolences to the family. "Mr. Leon", as he will always be to me, constantly had a smile on his face - and a story to tell. He was a great role model and neighbor. His door (and swimming pool) were always open to the neighborhood. Many of my fondest childhood memories involve the Newman family.*

*With love,
Kyle Pyron
Fort Worth, TX*

Kyle Pyron - March 07, 2019 at 02:54 PM



“ *In this time of sadness, may you be comforted
I the knowledge that other care. Catherine
reed Delight Ar.*



catherine Reed - February 24, 2019 at 11:30 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for
the family of Leon James Newman.*



February 23, 2019 at 12:07 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Leon James Newman.



February 22, 2019 at 04:20 PM



“ Cross Wind Chime - Silver was purchased for the family of Leon James Newman.



February 22, 2019 at 02:56 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Leon James Newman.



February 22, 2019 at 02:49 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Leon James Newman.



February 22, 2019 at 11:58 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Leon James Newman.*



February 22, 2019 at 11:54 AM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Leon James Newman.*



February 22, 2019 at 11:33 AM



“ *Pat & family so sorry for your loss .Leon will be greatly missed . You are all in our thoughts & Prayers . Wendell & Shirley Hosey*

Wendell Hosey & Shirley - February 22, 2019 at 09:39 AM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Leon James Newman.*



February 22, 2019 at 08:30 AM

DA

“ Pat and family. Very sorry for your loss. Leon will be greatly missed by many. Jean and I send our sympathy. We all know that Leon is with the Lord tonight. Donald and Jean Anderson

Donald Anderson - February 21, 2019 at 07:17 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Leon James Newman.



February 21, 2019 at 06:00 PM

TB

“ The Midwest Better Business Bureaus purchased the Bountiful Rose Basket for the family of Leon James Newman.



The Midwest Better Business Bureaus - February 21, 2019 at 04:51 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Leon James Newman.



February 21, 2019 at 03:57 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Leon James Newman.*



February 21, 2019 at 03:39 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Leon James Newman.*



February 21, 2019 at 02:31 PM