



## James E Newman

December 6, 1941 - October 7, 2023

James (Jim) E. Newman of Skiatook, Oklahoma went to be with Jesus on Saturday, October 7, 2023, at the age of 81.

Jim was born December 6, 1941, in Washington, MO to Lyndall Newman and the late Ernest “Chuck” Newman. He graduated from Skiatook High School in 1959. Jim graduated from the University of Corpus Christi in 1963, with a degree in Social Studies, and received his Masters degree in School Administration from Northeastern State University.

Jim coached and taught in Texas and Oklahoma, finally landing back in Skiatook where he was High School Principal and later Superintendent of Skiatook Public Schools. Jim was known for his commitment to the district, and for the care and recognition he provided his employees and students. The City of Skiatook honored Jim on December 6, 1993 by naming the middle school “Newman Middle School” in appreciation of his dedication and loyalty to Skiatook Public Schools. Jim retired from education in 2004, as a Regional Accreditation Officer for the State Department of Education.

Jim married his high school sweetheart, Mary Ann Grisham on April 9, 1962. Together, they raised 3 daughters, Cindy, Debby and Mandy. Jim enjoyed all things sports, traveling, and, most of all, spending time with his family. Jim was a devoted “Paw” to his 10 grandchildren, and 6 great grand-girls. You could find him at softball games, pig shows, football games, baseball games, cross country and track meets, cheer competitions, dance recitals, and basketball games, wearing either Skiatook Bulldog or Collinsville Cardinal

attire, and cheering on his grands.

Jim's life was centered around his favorite scripture, Matthew 7:12, "So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets". He rarely spoke a harsh or negative word, always looking to find the best in others. During his final hospital stay, he shared his profound wisdom with family, stating, "Life is too short to spend it finding fault in others."

Jim was preceded in death by his parents: father, Ernest Newman; mother, Lyndall Newman-Wohlgemuth; stepfather, Ben Wohlgemuth; and his brother, Larry Newman.

Jim is survived by his wife, Mary Newman, of Skiatook; daughter and spouse, Cindy and Joe Jolley, of Skiatook; daughter, Debby Newman, of Skiatook; daughter and spouse, Mandy and Bryan Burd, of Collinsville; grandchildren: Katy and Eddie Cunningham, of Skiatook; Mike and Kayla Jolley, of Skiatook; Mallory and Harrison Moseby, of Collinsville; Blake and Maddy Burd, of Ramona; Brayden Burd and Alex Knight, of Collinsville; and great grand-girls: Gracie, Hannah, Abbie Jo, Henley, Kollyns and Gracelee; Sister-in-Law, Betty Newman of Bartlesville. He is also survived by multiple nieces, nephews and cousins he loved.

"Wake up expecting a miracle" - Jim Newman

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to Porta Caeli House of Tulsa.

# Cemetery Details

## Osage Garden Cemetery

Skiatook, OK 74070

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **11.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Stumpff Funeral Home - Skiatook  
14206 N. Cincinnati Ave.  
Skiatook, OK 74070

## Funeral

OCT **12.** 1:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church Collinsville  
1301 W Main St  
Collinsville , OK 74021

# Tribute Wall



“ *James E Newman*

October 23, 2023 at 04:40 AM



“ *As an alumni of Skiatook High School, I am saddened by the passing of Mr. Newman. He was a great principal and superintendent and I respected him greatly, even though he had to discipline me from time to time. Mr. Newman and his wonderful family were members of Immanuel Baptist Church and he was a dedicated Christian man. I watched him as a educator, church member, softball player and family man. He was a man of integrity and he loved the Lord. He will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Mary and the girls.*

*Jim & Lorie Paslay, Grove, Oklahoma*

**Jim Paslay** - October 12, 2023 at 10:39 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James E Newman.*

October 12, 2023 at 09:20 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James E Newman.*



October 12, 2023 at 09:20 AM

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“ *Pauine E. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James E Newman.*

**Pauine E.** - October 11, 2023 at 08:52 PM

LH

“ *The man had a school named after him !*

*So many stories have been relived this past week. From the days when he and Billie shared work experiences with the State Dept. of Educ. ; our fun times together at Treasure Lake; with him and Mary driving out of their way to have lunch with me in Ithaca, NY; the texts we have exchanged in the last few years; his interest in my 'doings'; lots of words describing Jim will appear here but my memories to the type of man he was will be remembering our experiences together - that is the true measure of a dear, dear friend.*

*The man had a school named after him !*

*Larry Hall*

**Larry W Hall** - October 11, 2023 at 03:53 PM

WS

“ *Wayne Sanders lit a candle in memory of James E Newman*



**Wayne Sanders** - October 11, 2023 at 12:06 PM

DF

“ It was July, 1989 and we were a family that was looking to move to small town lake life around Tulsa from South Florida. Considering Skiatook as a small town we called the school offices to just inquire about structure and routine of the schools, etc ... and who should answer but Jim Newman himself who not only answered all questions but offered to get ahold of some teachers to meet with us and show us around.

Needless to say, we were sold on Skiatook, OK after hanging up the phone after the conversation with Jim.

Over the years we came to know Jim, Mary, the family and extended families and have considered it a privilege doing so.

From our hearts to yours, Don and Vickie Forbis

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**Don and Vickie Forbis** - October 11, 2023 at 11:51 AM



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



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October 11, 2023 at 11:32 AM



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



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October 10, 2023 at 10:11 AM



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



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October 10, 2023 at 09:41 AM



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



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October 09, 2023 at 09:24 PM



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



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October 09, 2023 at 05:15 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of James E Newman.*



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October 09, 2023 at 11:13 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James E Newman.

October 09, 2023 at 11:13 AM



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



October 09, 2023 at 09:55 AM



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



October 09, 2023 at 09:09 AM



“ Jim was a very special and talented gentleman. I was fortunate to have received training as a regional accreditation officer under Jim's guidance and supervision. He was always prepared and ready for the duties and situations that might arise. When he spoke at a state department meeting everyone looked in and learned from him. He was always honest with people but with compassion. RIP Jim.

**lanny sells** - October 08, 2023 at 10:19 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James E Newman.

October 08, 2023 at 05:54 PM



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



October 08, 2023 at 05:54 PM



“ Barbara Jolley lit a candle in memory of James E Newman



**Barbara Jolley** - October 08, 2023 at 02:15 PM