



John Worth Newman

November 4, 1923 - March 19, 2021

John Worth Newman Sr. passed away on March 19, 2021. The North Carolina native was born in Elkin, on November 04, 1923. His parents Paul and Mabel Newman, both deceased, were from Elkin North Carolina. He graduated from Ronda High School and Presbyterian College.

He enlisted in the United States Army Airforce, where he served as a waist-gunner on the B-17 bomber "Our Baby" with the 8th Air Force, 94th Bomb Group, 410th Bombardment Squadron, based on Rougham Air Field ,England He flew 25 missions, including D-Day and The Battle of the Bulge, and was honorably discharged with the rank of Staff Sergeant. In December of 2017, he was honored from the French Consultant with the Jubilee of Liberty Medal for his participation in the invasion of Normandy.

Upon leaving the military he received his pilot's license from the grass strip airport on Waterlynn Rd, that he, his Uncle Lonnie Cox, and Kenneth Johnson owned, developed and started a 15 year career in Crop dusting. His airplane conversions included a war surplus Stearman crop duster, and an early J3 Piper plane that later inspired John Piper on the design of Piper cropdusting planes offerings.

After his marriage with Betty Lou Clary and the start of a family, he left crop dusting to begin a new career, starting Newman Building & Supply. This eventually evolved into a ten years of contracting as Facilities Director for the Charlotte Motor Speedway, designing and building the first VIP luxury boxes. From this venture, he was able to take his family on a ride in the GoodYear

Blimp, Mayflower and a ride on an elephant from the Ringling Brother Circus. During his off time from the speedway, he was able to build a cabin on Cape Lookout; using a redwood hot tub for a fresh water tower. The family spent a lot of time there making great memories.

Upon retirement, his passion was a competitive gardener, growing softball size tomatoes. His joy of gardening was only matched by his generosity of sharing the bounty with the neighborhood. The biggest challenge with his gardening buddies was who would have the first tomato.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Betty Clary Newman; grandson, Joshua Trace Newman; brothers, Murl Newman, Dick Newman; sisters, Madelone Blackburn, Betty Blanton and Katherine Self.

He is survived by his sisters Ruth Edleman and Sue Hoots, sons John Worth Newman, Jr. (Patricia), James (Jimmy) Edward Newman, Jeffrey Jon Newman (Tonya). Grandchildren Katie (Nathan) Koch, Brian Donahue, Jonathan Newman, and Jessica Newman and Great granddaughter Madeleine Koch.

Funeral services will be held at 4:00 PM on Tuesday, March 23 at Cavin-Cook Funeral Home Chapel with Eddie Karriker officiating. Burial with full military honors will follow the service at Glenwood Memorial Park.

For those who are unable to attend the service, you may go to the following link for the live stream <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC864hAs96dTRLVVL1la0Qlw/videos?view=2&flow=list>

For those who are unable to attend the graveside, you may go to the following link for the live stream <https://www.facebook.com/CavinCookFuneralHomeServices/>

Thank you to all of his caregivers that took special care of him.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Hospice and Palliative Care of Iredell County 2347 Simonton Road, Statesville, NC 28625.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home, Mooresville, is serving the Newman family.

Condolences may be made to the family at www.cavin-cook.com.

Cemetery Details

Glenwood Memorial Park

273 Glenwood Drive
Mooresville, NC 28115

Previous Events

Funeral Service

MAR 23. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Cavin-Cook Chapel
494 E. Plaza Drive
Mooresville, NC 28115

Graveside Service

MAR 23. 5:00 PM - 5:30 PM (ET)

Glenwood Memorial Park
Glenwood Drive
Mooresville, NC 28115

Tribute Wall

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“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of John Worth Newman.



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Raymond
Haseltine

“ *Worth was a great man, father and husband. We will miss him dearly. God bless his soul and family in their loss.*

Raymond Haseltine - March 22, 2021 at 07:58 PM

CW

“ *Prayers and sympathies to the Jeff, Tonya & the Newman family. Always loved hearing stores of Jeff's Father - what an amazing life. What a legacy for his children, what a cherished Member of the Town of Mooresville for all who knew him. Blessings to his family who have cherished memories. Prayers for the upcoming days & months as he leads your forward in spirit.*

Cindy Martin Wiggins - March 22, 2021 at 04:12 PM

AL

“ *I have such good memories of your entire family. Going to the Outer Banks. The parents having "happy hour" in the afternoon and us "kids" driving the cars all around the camp picking up firewood for the bonfires at night and shooting fireworks.*

anne arthurs langford - March 22, 2021 at 11:16 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Worth Newman.*



March 22, 2021 at 11:12 AM

CH

“ I loved Worth. Condolences to all the Newman family. The obituary describes a life well-lived and he left a positive mark on this planet.

Cliff Homesley - March 22, 2021 at 10:55 AM

TR

“ Jeff and family, Sorry to hear of your father's passing. Hoping that you will find peace and comfort in the precious memories you have of your father. God Bless. - Patricia Denson Church and family.

Trish - March 22, 2021 at 07:16 AM

BS

“ John, Jimmy, Jeff and family, I am saddened to hear of your dad's passing and very grateful for his distinguished service in WWII. He and my dad shared many flying experiences over the years. May God comfort you at this time.

Boyce Sherrill - March 22, 2021 at 12:11 AM

RJ

“ My deepest sympathy in your loss. I have known Worth Newman for many years. I always respected Worth and you as a friend of Franklins. Again, My deepest sympathy in your loss, I Plan to be there Tuesday afternoon for the services. Again, My deepest sympathy;

Robert J. Holshouser, Jr.

Robert Holshouser, Jr. - March 21, 2021 at 08:31 PM

SG

“ It is one of the greatest honors of my life to have known Worth - a true hero and someone who was part of the greatest generation. Worth was always kind to me and every time we met, he had a smile on his face and a story to tell. Plus, he taught me a lot about the art of growing tomatoes (although I have never come close to matching what Worth could achieve)!

Steve Gambill - March 21, 2021 at 12:11 PM

SC

“ We were so sorry to learn of the passing of Worth Newman. Worth was the last living crew member of my father's (James W. Cox, Jr.) B-17 flight crew in WW11. I and my 2 sons were fortunate to meet Worth on March 18, 2018 in Mooresville and spend time with him and his family. With his passing, we have now lost the final link to my father's WW11 experience. My father died unexpectedly at the age of 43, so it is with great appreciation that we were able to meet Worth and learn a bit more about their service. We are so happy for Jeff and his family to have been able to have so many years of a close relationship with Worth. We offer our heartfelt condolences to Jeff, Tonya, and the entire family. Thanks for allowing us to meet such a wonderful man.

Sincerely,

*Skip and Ellen Cox
Oak Island, NC*

Skip and Ellen Cox - March 21, 2021 at 11:48 AM