



James Edward Newton

September 21, 1940 - March 3, 2026

James Edward Newton, age 85 of Perryville, AR, passed away Tuesday, March 3, 2026. He was born on September 21, 1940, in Lawrence County, TN, to Clarence Homer Newton and Rubye Thompson Newton. He was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed fishing, bird hunting, and gardening. He retired as manager of the Perco/Alltel telephone company. Was a veteran of the US Air Force. He was married for 58 years to Sharon Kay Wilson Newton, who preceded him in death.

He is survived by daughter, Kay (Tony) Smith, and sons, Edward (Robin) Newton II, and Terry (Cindy) Newton, Grandchildren, James (Amanda) Newton III, Keith (Kelly) Smith, Randi (Parker) Newton, Brittany (David) Strahan, and Gracie Newton, Great grandchildren, KayLynn, Natalie, Eddie, Wyatt, Elijah and Elliot and his brothers, Don and Mike. Also preceded in death by grandson, Dennis Smith, brothers, Bud, Pete, and Glenn Newton, and sisters, Peggy Lumpkins, Elaine Johnson, and Jane Brown.

He was a strong man of faith which he taught his family and used his love for the Lord with service to the Perryville First Baptist Church, the Gideons, and the Lions Club.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, March 21, at Perryville First Baptist Church. The family will receive friends one hour before services. Arrangements are by Harris Funeral Home of Morrilton. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Gideons at sendtheword.org, Jim's camp number is U03112.

Matthew 11:28 - Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 21. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church- Perryville
207 4th St.
Perryville, AR 72126

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



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

March 19 at 03:33 PM



“ Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of James Edward Newton.



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“ Billy and Kay Atchley purchased the Springtime Wishes for the family of James Edward Newton.



Billy and Kay Atchley - March 19 at 08:31 AM



“ Mike Smith and Kyle Smith purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White for the family of James Edward Newton.



Mike Smith and Kyle Smith - March 18 at 04:19 PM

MS

“ Jim was a good man. He & my dad were very close and produced a whale of a garden every summer. Jim was also a top notch quail hunter & fisherman. Not to mention a tennis ace who could put a mean back-spin on the ball. He will be greatly missed.

Mark Smith - March 06 at 11:29 AM

JB

“ Jim just loved his garden and any time I would stop he was anxious to cut me some okra, pick me some tomatoes and share anything else he had. He was such a hard worker and a wonderful neighbor. I will miss him so much. In fact when he was moved to Perryville I was thrilled. I so wanted to visit him. Now I will wait till I experience the reunion in heaven. His children were so blessed to have him for an example.

janet brown - March 05 at 09:49 PM

CC

“ Jim was one of my daddy's best friends and a fine man. I spent many afternoon sitting in the shade listening to him and daddy tell tales. He was a good Christian man and I'll miss him.

Cory Cox - March 05 at 07:42 PM

TL

“ Jim was our neighbor for most of school age years. He was also my boss when I worked at Perco for two summers. He was a very good man and I was proud to know him. After my Dad left, I was comforted to know him and Sharon were just next door. My sympathies and love to Ed, Kay, Terry and the rest of the family.

Teresa Little - March 05 at 06:34 PM