



John R. Newman
(May 30, 1932 – February 14, 2021)

Relationship to St. Andrew United Methodist Church:

John and his family were members from 1978 to about 1990 when they retired to Carmel, IN. He rejoined the church in March, 2020 when he returned to this community.

Family:

Wife Joann (Jody) – died Dec. 13, 2017

Sons: Paul Newman-Jacobs (Chris)

Rick Newman

Rob Newman (Terry)

Tom Newman (Stacey)

Daughter:

Joyce Newman Johnson (Fred deceased April 17, 2014)

Ten Grandchildren

Recognitions, Activities, Special Interests:

Throughout his life John enjoyed singing. He always sang in his church choirs, in barbershop quartets, and in the Lafayette Bach Chorale. After retiring from his work in insurance, John volunteered in St Vincent hospital in Carmel for twenty years, often in the emergency department. One of his greatest joys was hiking in Indiana and National Parks.

Use of Memorial Funds:

RIP Medical Debt relief.



Obituary:



John Richard Newman – 1932-2021

West Lafayette - John Richard Newman died on February 14, 2021 at Westminster Village, West Lafayette, IN after having been diagnosed with chronic leukemia. He was 88.

He was born May 30, 1932 to Ora and Bernice (Webster) Newman of Indianapolis, IN.

John was the youngest of five children. He attended Mary E. Nicholson school, #70, and sang in the Christ Church Cathedral Boys' Choir for four years. John attended the 51st Street Methodist Church and later the Meridian Street United Methodist Church and the 91st Street Christian Church. He graduated from Arsenal Technical High School in 1950. John attended Eastman School of Music and Butler University when the Air Force came calling.

John served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War. Based at Ft. Knox in Kentucky from 1952 to 1956 he learned to fly small planes and became a weather forecaster. During this time

John continued dating his high school love, Joann "Jody" McKenzie, who was attending the Ohio State University. They were married September 4, 1954 in Indianapolis where they raised five children.

John began his career as a Life Insurance Underwriter for American United Life in Indianapolis. He also worked and had many friends in Kokomo, IN, Little Rock, AR, Cincinnati, OH, and at the Lafayette Life Insurance Co. He always sang in church choirs, barbershop quartets, and the Lafayette Bach Chorale. John retired in 1999 to Carmel, IN where he and Jody enjoyed many family gatherings including "Grandpa and Grandma Camp" for each of their grandchildren.

After retirement, John volunteered at the St. Vincent hospital in Carmel for 20 years, mostly in the Emergency department. When Jody's health began to fail they moved to Brookdale Senior Living and later to Hamilton Trace in Fishers where Jody died in December of 2017. John joined the Fishers United Methodist church and was active in Chancel choir and the food pantry.

In 2020, he moved to Lafayette to be closer to family, attended St. Andrew United Methodist church, and sang in the choir.

John was preceded in death by his wife, Jody, his parents, and siblings Rosemary Hittle, Marjorie Richards, Kenneth, and Bob.

John's family treasured his kindness and sense of humor. He is survived by Paul (Christine) Newman-Jacobs, Rick (Linda) Newman, Rob (Terry) Newman, Joyce Johnson, and Tom (Stacey) Newman. Also surviving are ten grandchildren: Hilary, Hannah, Nicole, Samantha, Erica, Kathleen, Natalie, Lilia, Clara, and Ian.

A family memorial service will be held March 27 at the St. Andrew United Methodist church, 4703 N. 50 W. West Lafayette, IN 47906 with Rev. Chris Danielson officiating. Memorial donations may be given to St. Andrew UMC "RIP" Medical debt relief, or the "Food Pantry ministry" of Fishers United Methodist church, 9691 E. 116th St. Fishers, IN 46037.

The family wishes to thank the staff at Westminster Village Courtyard and Franciscan Hospice for the loving care they provided.

You may leave condolences at www.soller-baker.com.