



Robert Lewis Newman

July 10, 1928 - August 11, 2013

Robert Lewis Newman

(The Bear)

Robert Newman (Bob Bear), 85 of Ephrata, passed away peacefully on August 11, 2013. He was born to Etta and Charles Newman on July 10, 1928 in Lexington Ohio.

Bob the Bear as he was called by friends and family was a funny guy. The name the Bear was bestowed on him by all the kids who used to come and go from the house. Dad was always sitting in his Lazy Boy growling at us about all that kid traffic coming and going. Because of his growling he was the brunt of many practical jokes and one liners. He always took it well and played his share on others.

Bob was a very hard worker and a good provider for his family. After a diagnosis of diabetes and a heart attack he retired from Crystal Linen Supply. Dad and Mom had a few good years of retirement until Nancy's death in 1997. They were married for fifty years.

After a few years of being "single" Dad got together with Sandy Clark. They also had a great time together traveling to the coast and going deep sea fishing. Bob began to have health issues which stood in the way of him getting around as before. The Bear had open heart surgery and Sandy became his live-in partner and care giver. We called him the comeback kid after numerous hospitalizations and miraculous recoveries.

Bob is survived by his son Mark Newman of Ephrata, WA; daughter Bobbette

Newman of Spokane, WA; granddaughter Carlee Kellams of Seattle, WA; and sister-in-law Joan Warner of Ephrata, WA. He is preceded in death by his parents Charles and Etta, his wife Nancy, and daughter Patti Jo.

There will be a graveside service for the Bear at 1:00pm on Friday, August 16, 2013 at Valley View Memorial Park in Soap Lake. Please express your thoughts and memories for the family at nicolesfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nicoles Funeral Home of Ephrata, WA.

Cemetery Details

Valley View Memorial Park

20174 Rd A N.E.
Soap Lake, WA 98851
(509) 754-4150
bea.white@nicolesfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Graveside

AUG **16**. 1:00 PM (PT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Nicoles Funeral Home and Valley View Memorial Park created a Tribute Video in memory of Robert Lewis Newman* ”



Nicoles Funeral Home and Valley View Memorial Park - August 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Sandy Clark lit a candle in memory of Robert Lewis Newman* ”



Sandy Clark - August 11, 2014 at 12:11 AM



A year has passed and I miss you very much. I love you <3

Sandy Clark - August 11, 2014 at 12:14 AM



“ *Sandy Clark lit a candle in memory of Robert Lewis Newman* ”



Sandy Clark - May 13, 2014 at 02:30 AM

SC

“ *Sandy Clark lit a candle in memory of Robert Lewis Newman*



Sandy Clark - March 24, 2014 at 11:04 PM

SA

“ *Sandy lit a candle in memory of Robert Lewis Newman*



Sandy - September 21, 2013 at 01:29 PM

LH

“ *Uncle Bob's video features family and friends. It was great to see the photos and be reminded of all the wonderful times. I am so glad to have seen more of his life in Washington. He was having fun. Thank you for sharing these memories for me. My sincerest hope is that you find comfort as you grieve.*

Linda Hissam - August 29, 2013 at 06:53 PM

KC

“ *Karen Clancy sent a virtual gift in memory of Robert Lewis Newman*



Karen Clancy - August 17, 2013 at 10:51 PM

KC

“ *Karen Clancy lit a candle in memory of Robert Lewis Newman*



Karen Clancy - August 17, 2013 at 10:50 PM

LC

“ *Lorena Cooper lit a candle in memory of Robert Lewis Newman*



Lorena Cooper - August 17, 2013 at 05:03 PM



RenaDonr
Cooper

“ *I sure do miss you grandpa this photo should have been the one with you and grandma at the table in the kitchen with your cheesy smile. I just cant believe you are really gone. To me it seems your off somewhere being pampered by tons of ladies thats how I want to remember you by not remembering you dieing alone in a bed at the hostipal. I want to say thank you so much for making my grandma so happy and taking good care of her. She is having a really hard time with you being gone just like the rest of us. I never had the chance to tell you goodbye I was trying to tell you on your last day here but you where in and out. I love you dearly my bubble butt grandpa Sorry I shouldve said somthing at the funeral but I was fighting my tears and didnt want to upset Valerie and Autymn I will always have a speacail part in my heart for you,,,,,,I love you*

RenaDonny Cooper - August 17, 2013 at 04:31 PM



“ *RenaDonny Cooper lit a candle in memory of Robert Lewis Newman* ”



RenaDonny Cooper - August 17, 2013 at 04:22 PM



“ *Brenda Wimberly Hanes lit a candle in memory of Robert Lewis Newman* ”



Brenda Wimberly Hanes - August 17, 2013 at 03:43 PM



“ *Jeanne Wynhoff lit a candle in memory of Robert Lewis Newman* ”



Jeanne Wynhoff - August 17, 2013 at 02:03 PM



“ *Sandy Clark lit a candle in memory of Robert Lewis Newman* ”



Sandy Clark - August 17, 2013 at 01:48 PM

SC

Bob and I partnered up on his birthday July 10th, 1998. We had many years of wonderful companionship and of sharing and caring. We had our ups and downs as any couple does but we loved each other and we were there for each other through all things. I miss him so much! <3

Sandy Clark - August 17, 2013 at 02:04 PM

MC

“ When I look at this photo this isnt the bob I know Bob was my Grandpa to me and my children he was so sacracstic at times it made me feel good that I wasnt the only one who said stuff like that . I also know he made my grandma so happy once I seen her dancing sexy in front of him and thought wow thats something special they shared WE LOVE you AND MISS you from Morena Donny little donny autymn Jaysen Valerie and Lorena

Morena Cooper - August 16, 2013 at 11:54 PM

TH

“ Bob was a great neighbor and friend to me and my daughter. We will miss him. He was fun loving, good hearted and like a surrogate uncle to us. All our best to the family and Sandy. If we had known, we would have been at service. (Teri and Amy, et al).

Teri Heer - August 16, 2013 at 05:11 PM

AV

“ Anna Vamvakias lit a candle in memory of Robert Lewis Newman



anna vamvakias - August 16, 2013 at 12:48 PM

AV

From Anna Vamvakias

anna vamvakias - August 16, 2013 at 12:51 PM

AV

“ *Anna Vamvakias lit a candle in memory of Robert Lewis Newman*



anna vamvakias - August 16, 2013 at 12:47 PM

AV

From David Eagle

anna vamvakias - August 16, 2013 at 12:50 PM

AV

“ *Anna Vamvakias lit a candle in memory of Robert Lewis Newman*



anna vamvakias - August 16, 2013 at 12:46 PM

AV

From Patty Parker

anna vamvakias - August 16, 2013 at 12:51 PM

AV

“ Anna Vamvakias sent a virtual gift in memory of Robert Lewis Newman



anna vamvakias - August 16, 2013 at 12:46 PM

AV

God Speed

anna vamvakias - August 16, 2013 at 12:52 PM

BO

Tear Jerker Anna Thanks Bobbette

Bobbette - August 17, 2013 at 12:51 PM

AV

“ *Bob Newman was known to me through his daughter, Bobbette and my brief encounters with him over the years.*

He lived life to its fullest and had utter optimism throughout his trials, but clearly celebrated the triumphs. His big, toothy grin was always ready for the camera that is clear.

The profound love of his family and dogs is also apparent, in life and in the memory video many of you will see today. The manner in which he looks at his children speaks volumes, his devotion clear. He shared the latter part of his life with his partner of many years, Sandy in a relationship of mutual compassion and respect.

Bob's love and generosity grounded him in reality; his big grin shows us his indomitable spirit and love of life. His children and grandchildren embody this spirit, and this spirit lives on in them. This is the gift he gave.

He lived an honorable life with laughter and tears, optimism and realism. Now Bob moves on to another part of his story, his grin lighting the way, and maybe a dog or two...by his side.

We wish him love as he begins.

From:

Anna Vamvakias

Patty Parker

David Eagle



anna vamvakias - August 16, 2013 at 12:44 PM

MF

Well said! Love to the family and Sandy.

Marleen Francis - August 18, 2013 at 12:32 AM