



Neil Eldon Newman

February 26, 1951 - May 13, 2018

TORRINGTON, Wyoming -- Neil E. Newman, 67, died Sunday, May 13, 2018. Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, May 18, at the Goshen County Fairgrounds Rendevous Center with Reverend Jeff Wayland officiating. There will be a lunch following services and burial will take place at a later date. Cremation has taken place.

In lieu of flowers, friends may contribute to: Torrington Volunteer Fire Department and/or Goshen County Search & Rescue.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Colyer Funeral Home and friends may send condolences to the family at www.colyerfuneralhome.com

Neil was born February 26, 1951 to Keith and Marjorie (Wells) Newman, the second of six children. He grew up on his paternal Grandparents' homestead and attended school at Prairie Center. After fifth grade, he moved with his family to the farm located between Torrington and Lingle and he worked along with his father and siblings on the family farm.

While attending Torrington High School, Neil and his good friend, Gary Childs, started Newman-Childs Drywall and worked on projects around Goshen County. After graduating in 1969, he attended Eastern Wyoming College where he played basketball for the Lancers. Later, he attended the University of Wyoming and, at the same time was building his own contracting business, Hi Plains Construction, Inc. He also bought property for his own remodel projects. Construction would become his lifelong pursuit.

Neil was well-known and highly respected and he enjoyed a long and

successful career as a general contractor. Throughout his career, he built or remodeled numerous commercial, residential, and publicly-funded construction projects throughout Wyoming. His most recent endeavor was his effort in bringing a Cobblestone Hotel franchise to Torrington.

Neil married Kayleen Ochsner in 1984. They later divorced. To this union, the light of his life, Paul Kelly Newman was born. In 1990, Neil met Deidre Kilty and the couple was married in December of 1994. Neil and Deidre were deeply involved in the Goshen County community for 24 years.

He was a past member and officer of the Goshen County Economic Development Corp. and the West Highway Water & Sewer Board. He was a long-time committee member of the Goshen County 2-Shot Goose Hunt and regularly attended the One- Shot Antelope Hunt in Lander. He was a UW Cowboy Joe Club member and UW Club Baseball supporter. Neil was a developer and general contractor, president of Hi Plains Construction, Inc. and managing partner with Deidre in Signature Homes.

Neil loved spending time at the cabin at Hawk Springs and the hunting camp on the South Fork of the Shoshone River near Cody. Everything about Wyoming interested Neil and he was very knowledgeable about it's history and industry. He was in awe of Wyoming's big country and spent many enjoyable days with friends and family on fishing, hunting, camping and pack trips. When asked by someone "How are you?" Neil's reply was often, "Oh, I never had it so good!"

Neil was not one to talk about his philanthropic activities but many benefited from his quiet giving. He had a keen sense of business and great intuition and he mentored many.

Neil is survived by his wife, Deidre and son, Paul (Katie); mother, Marge; siblings Jean (Charles) Bedord, Ross (Julie) Newman, Blair (Sandy) Newman, Alice (Kem) Sibbitt and Nancy (Ryan) Reiber, seven nieces and nephews and two great nephews.

He is preceded in death by his father, Keith.

Previous Events

Service

MAY 18. 11:00 AM (MT)

Goshen County Fairgrounds Pavilion
Torrington, WY

Tribute Wall

SO

“ We’re so sorry for your loss. Neil leaves behind many fond memories that can brighten your day when you’re thinking of him. As we look forward to the time when we’re reunited again with our loved ones, think about what you’d like to say and how big the hugs will be. My family loves reading about this hope at [jw dot org](http://jw.org). May the God of comfort bless and guide your whole family now and in the future.

Sosa - May 30, 2018 at 02:40 PM

CC

“ Deidre and family--we are so sorry to hear about the passing of your husband. We were shocked and saddened to see it in the paper. We add our prayers to the many that are praying for you. God Bless you and your family at this difficult time, and may you be comforted by His loving arms protecting you.
--Carolyn Clark (daughter of Lois Thompson) and family

Carolyn Clark - May 25, 2018 at 03:54 PM

PR

“ Patricia Rotruck lit a candle in memory of Neil Eldon Newman



Patricia Rotruck - May 18, 2018 at 10:09 PM

TP

“ Tammy Powell lit a candle in memory of Neil Eldon Newman



Tammy Powell - May 18, 2018 at 04:46 PM

BB

“ Ross and family. We only met Neil once when he came to do a walk thru on a house that we were considering buying, but we immediately felt like we had met a friend.. Our condolences to you and your family in this time of sadness.

John and Brenda Barkley

Brenda Barkley - May 18, 2018 at 01:38 PM

BB

“ Ross and family, We only met Neil the one time when he came to do a walk thru on the house that we were considering to buy but we immediately felt like we had met a friend. We send our condolences to you and your family in this time of sadness

John and Brenda Barkley

Brenda Barkley - May 18, 2018 at 01:35 PM

DR

“ Desiree Riley lit a candle in memory of Neil Eldon Newman



Desiree Riley - May 18, 2018 at 10:45 AM

TR

“ Tom, Desiree, And Dylan Riley lit a candle in memory of Neil Eldon Newman



Tom, Desiree, and Dylan Riley - May 18, 2018 at 10:44 AM

IB

“ Isabella Blunsom lit a candle in memory of Neil Eldon Newman



Isabella Blunsom - May 18, 2018 at 10:41 AM

CA

“ Craig Allen lit a candle in memory of Neil Eldon Newman



Craig Allen - May 18, 2018 at 09:42 AM

SH

“ Scherri Hacker lit a candle in memory of Neil Eldon Newman



Scherri Hacker - May 18, 2018 at 12:19 AM

CD

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Cousin Deb - May 17, 2018 at 10:47 PM

PR

“ Patricia Rotruck lit a candle in memory of Neil Eldon Newman



Patricia Rotruck - May 17, 2018 at 10:14 PM

PR

“ Patricia Rotruck lit a candle in memory of Neil Eldon Newman



Patricia Rotruck - May 17, 2018 at 10:03 PM

JF

“ *Many times it's only later in life that we value the impact & deep blessings that we've been given by someone. As difficult as in a loved one's 'passing,' the gratitude becomes more real & valuable for all that we've received from someone who is as special as Neil. Neil was a 'foundation' for my childhood & youth. He was my buddy & companion. He was in my class of four or five of us who regularly attended Sunday School in our younger years. God plants 'seeds' & Neil was a seed for me in my life. In sports & on the basketball team I remember well the cool, confidence & calmness I felt from him as we dribbled the ball down the court. He had such strength from his calm & soft spoken behavior; a rare combination that not many possess. I pray that all of us will carry forward the 'Neil' He gave to us. Neil will be with his Dad, Keith & my Dad, his Sunday School teacher. I pray for comfort & am very thankful for Marge, Jean, Blair & Ross as we all grew up together. May strength be with Deidre & Paul & their family as we move forward to celebrate this great guy. With gratitude & with Love & blessings to you Neil. Jack*



Jack Fuller - May 17, 2018 at 09:34 PM

BK

“ *BETH And WAYNE KORELL lit a candle in memory of Neil Eldon Newman*



BETH and WAYNE KORELL - May 17, 2018 at 03:36 PM

BR

“ *Bill And Paula Rueb lit a candle in memory of Neil Eldon Newman*



Bill and Paula Rueb - May 17, 2018 at 03:04 PM

LV

“ *Lu Vaughan lit a candle in memory of Neil Eldon Newman*



Lu Vaughan - May 17, 2018 at 12:53 PM

LV

Our prayers and thoughts go out to the entire family. We are so very sorry for your loss! Gary & Lu Vaughan and Family

Lu Vaughan - May 17, 2018 at 01:03 PM

SC

“ *Suzie & Tim Calhoon lit a candle in memory of Neil Eldon Newman*



Suzie & Tim Calhoon - May 17, 2018 at 09:47 AM

CS

“ Cheryl Schwartz lit a candle in memory of Neil Eldon Newman



Cheryl Schwartz - May 17, 2018 at 08:10 AM

BB

“ Deidre - You have many friends that support you. Please count me in. I am thinking positive thoughts for you. Barbara Bonds

Barbara Bonds - May 16, 2018 at 08:32 PM

TR

“ Theil Ryan lit a candle in memory of Neil Eldon Newman



theil ryan - May 16, 2018 at 07:28 PM

SC

“ Deidre, I'm very sorry that I never had the opportunity to meet you. I met Paul but, he was very young at the time . Neil and I knew each other since high school, Unfortunately, we lost touch the last several years. I feel bad because I won't be able to be there to say goodbye. However, I believe that those who have gone before us and way too soon know that no matter where we are that we are thinking of them and their families. May Faith Help you all through the hard times. Remember to lean on each other for support. Cherish each memory of Neil. I know I will keep the memories of Neil with the memories of other loved one's. Again, may Faith help you through.
Suzie (Sittner) Calhoon & Tim Calhoon
Henderson, NV

Susã Calhoon - May 16, 2018 at 01:54 PM

LS

“ *Laura Schamel lit a candle in memory of Neil Eldon Newman*



Laura Schamel - May 16, 2018 at 11:28 AM

ND

“ *Nancy Miller Dunlap lit a candle in memory of Neil Eldon Newman*



Nancy Miller Dunlap - May 16, 2018 at 11:20 AM



“ *Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Neil Eldon Newman.*



May 16, 2018 at 10:54 AM



“ *Humble and astute, Neil Newman, exemplified an honorable character and integrity, a clever sense of humor, sweat-soaked toil and genuine effort towards building community development. He and his family's hearts are anchored in Goshen County and the great State of Wyoming. Let Peace and Love be among us. Thank you, Neil, for being you and your worthy contributions.*

Lanny Gentry - May 16, 2018 at 10:30 AM



My deepest sympathies to everyone in the Newman family. May God be with you in your time of sorrow.

Rick Rounsborg - May 16, 2018 at 06:05 PM



“ *Tammy Yung lit a candle in memory of Neil Eldon Newman*



Tammy Yung - May 16, 2018 at 07:23 AM

SW

“ Still in shock, such a fleeting end; thankfully many memories, and Neil made a difference. He was an older cousin by 11 years so I didn't see as much of him, but really enjoyed connecting again with Aunt Marge, Neil, and the others during recent years. I am not sure if it was the Two Buck Chuck or the barley hops, but always good to share time with the Newmans. Neil's legacy lives in our memories, and in Paul as carries onto his next chapter with Katie. I know the pain right now is real, and rough, and not easy for the family. I haven't lived in Wyoming in many years, but appreciated Neil's soundness and sense with good instincts, not to mention his humor. He truly saw in the world what he carried in his heart; will be sorely and surely missed, but I feel blessed to share some of the moments. All the best to the family and friends that help make this part of the world a little more special and touches all of us. Vaya con dios mi amigo. Loving regards, Steve Wells, Deb and Sam

steven wells - May 16, 2018 at 06:59 AM

BP

“ Becky Prall lit a candle in memory of Neil Eldon Newman



Becky Prall - May 16, 2018 at 12:25 AM

CR

“ Carol Blunsom Riley lit a candle in memory of Neil Eldon Newman



Carol Blunsom Riley - May 16, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Darwin & Dawnette Meacham lit a candle in memory of Neil Eldon Newman



Darwin & Dawnette Meacham - May 15, 2018 at 11:29 PM

Linda Haskins Dawkins

“ Linda Haskins Dawkins lit a candle in memory of Neil Eldon Newman



Linda Haskins Dawkins - May 15, 2018 at 11:15 PM

BO

“ Bob Otero lit a candle in memory of Neil Eldon Newman



Bob Otero - May 15, 2018 at 11:14 PM

BO

Our condolences to all of Neil's family and friends.

Bob Otero - May 15, 2018 at 11:15 PM

BC

“ *Boyd And Cheryl lit a candle in memory of Neil Eldon Newman*



Boyd and Cheryl - May 15, 2018 at 10:51 PM

BC

We are so sorry for your loss Deidre. Our prayers are with you and Paul.

Boyd and Cheryl

Boyd and Cheryl - May 15, 2018 at 10:57 PM

LH

“ *Any of us could only hope to possess firmness and virtue enough to maintain what I consider the most enviable of all titles, the character of an honest man, which is Neil Newman! His wonderful wife, family and this community is at a loss.*

Laurie Hager-Zumwalt

Laurie Hager-Zumwalt - May 15, 2018 at 10:18 PM

BC

“ *Brian And Meshelle Callahan lit a candle in memory of Neil Eldon Newman*



Brian and Meshelle Callahan - May 15, 2018 at 10:07 PM

MF

“ Moore Family lit a candle in memory of Neil Eldon Newman



Moore family - May 15, 2018 at 09:25 PM

BB

“ Bob N Margie Baker lit a candle in memory of Neil Eldon Newman



Bob n Margie Baker - May 15, 2018 at 05:45 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Neil Eldon Newman.



May 15, 2018 at 05:08 PM

BB

“ *I am so sorry Deidre and Paul. He was a giant of a man for you and Goshen County.
A legend passed away.
Billy Bates
Laughlin, Nv*

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Billy Bates - May 15, 2018 at 04:35 PM

DS

“ *Don Small lit a candle in memory of Neil Eldon Newman*



Don Small - May 15, 2018 at 04:26 PM

WS

“ Wendy Stovall lit a candle in memory of Neil Eldon Newman



wendy stovall - May 15, 2018 at 04:03 PM

Wendy Mark Martinez

“ Wendy Mark Martinez lit a candle in memory of Neil Eldon Newman



Wendy Mark Martinez - May 15, 2018 at 03:54 PM

BH

“ Bruce And Dorothy Hacker lit a candle in memory of Neil Eldon Newman



Bruce and Dorothy Hacker - May 15, 2018 at 03:33 PM

LJ

“ Leslie Jordan lit a candle in memory of Neil Eldon Newman



Leslie Jordan - May 15, 2018 at 03:23 PM

WA

“ Wendy Applegarth lit a candle in memory of Neil Eldon Newman



Wendy Applegarth - May 15, 2018 at 02:21 PM

CD

“ Connie (Rorabaugh) Van Dorn lit a candle in memory of Neil Eldon Newman



Connie (Rorabaugh) Van Dorn - May 15, 2018 at 01:48 PM

DK

“ Debra J. Kuntz-Reichert lit a candle in memory of Neil Eldon Newman



Debra J. Kuntz-Reichert - May 15, 2018 at 01:33 PM

MS

“ Neil Newman was a one of a kind guy. He was a true friend and mentor that had a huge impact on my life. Neil got me started in construction in the mid 70's. I probably learned more from him in that first year than I have in the 40 years since. We didn't see each other often in recent years, but I still learned something every time we spoke. Cindy and I will always have Neil in our hearts. RIP old friend Mike and Cindy Swanson

Michael Swanson - May 15, 2018 at 12:57 PM

DH

“ *Deanna Hill lit a candle in memory of Neil Eldon Newman*



Deanna Hill - May 15, 2018 at 12:34 PM

KH

“ *Kyra K Hageman lit a candle in memory of Neil Eldon Newman*



Kyra K Hageman - May 15, 2018 at 12:20 PM

E(

“ *Neil was a high school classmate of mine. I never really knew Neil well but his sideways smile and casual swagger was well known by those who spent any time in his presence. My deepest sympathy to his family and friends.*

Elizabeth (Betty) Wade Jones (Arland) - May 15, 2018 at 12:13 PM

CF

“ *Charm & John Friedlan lit a candle in memory of Neil Eldon Newman*



Charm & John Friedlan - May 15, 2018 at 11:21 AM

WF

“ Wayne & Jan Fields lit a candle in memory of Neil Eldon Newman



Wayne & Jan Fields - May 15, 2018 at 11:09 AM

JF

“ Jody Fields lit a candle in memory of Neil Eldon Newman



Jody Fields - May 15, 2018 at 11:08 AM

CH

“ The life that Neil lived will forever be unchanged. The life that his friends and family will live going forward has been forever changed by his presence in their past. My memories begin in my childhood as he was my big brother's buddy. They continued into adulthood as he was so large in our community. Conversations were always interesting – his knowledge of commerce and Wyoming were real. I have heard the words “he will sure be missed around here” many times over in the last few days – no truer words were ever said. My heart goes out to you, his family and friends. My heart hurts knowing how your heart hurts. RIP my friend Neil Newman.



Cindy Haught - May 15, 2018 at 11:02 AM

DW

“ *Debi Weickum lit a candle in memory of Neil Eldon Newman*



Debi Weickum - May 15, 2018 at 10:24 AM

SD

“ *Sue Davis lit a candle in memory of Neil Eldon Newman*



Sue Davis - May 15, 2018 at 10:08 AM