



John Newsome

March 4, 1927 - April 17, 2006

Funeral services for John Henry Newsome, Sr., 79, will be held at 4:00 p.m. Thursday, April 20, 2006 at Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church in Lydia. The Rev. Richard Hopper will officiate with burial in Westview Memorial Park Cemetery directed by Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home. The family will receive friends Wednesday from 5-7 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church, Box 56, Lydia, SC 29079.

Mr. Newsome died Monday, April 17, 2006. He was a son of the late C.W. Newsome Sr. and Mattie King Newsome and was a native and lifelong resident of Hartsville. He was married to his high school sweetheart, Gedelle Melton Newsome, for almost 60 years.

He started a car business in 1947 with a single automobile. A self-made entrepreneur, he watched his one-car venture grow into a full-sized dealership. He founded Newsome Dodge in the 1960's which eventually evolved into multiple dealerships. He shared his love of cars with an entire community. His easy-going personality and his jovial spirit earned him the loving name of "Mr. John." He was awarded "A Man of the 40's" Award from Clanton Auto Auction in 2003.

He was a Past Master of the Hartsville Masonic Lodge # 173, a Past District Deputy Grand Master, a Shriner, and a Jolly Jeepster. He was also a member of the Hartsville Lion's Club.

He was a member of Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church, the Wesley

Chapel Men's Club, the Board of Trustees and also served as Chairman of the Pastor Parish. His role as a loving patriarch earned him the "Father of the Year" Award in 1989. In 2001 he received the "Man of the Year" Award from Wesley Chapel.

He was proud to be a member of the "Greatest Generation" and also proud of his service in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was a member of the American Legion.

He is survived by his wife of Hartsville, SC and his four children and their spouses, Brenda Newsome and Ronald Wayne Radcliffe of Hartsville, SC, John Henry Newsome, Jr. and Patricia "Pat" Miller Newsome of Palm Beach, FL, Violet Newsome Bragdon and Robert "Bobby" Bragdon of Hartsville, SC, Ricky Newsome and Deborah "Deb" Cannarella Newsome of Hartsville, SC; grandchildren, John Henry Newsome III, John Richard "Ric" Newsome, Raymond "Ray" Vincent Newsome, William "Wil" Wellington Newsome and Noelle Newsome Radcliffe; sister, Christine Newsome Tolson of Hartsville, SC; special caregiver, Willistine Gregg of Hartsville, SC. He was preceded in death by his brothers, Carl Newsome, William Newsome, George Newsome, Elbert Newsome, David Newsome, and Harley Newsome.

Previous Events

Service

APR **20**. 4:00 PM (ET)

Wesley Chapel Methodist Church of Lydia
3061 Wesley Chapel Road
Lamar, SC 29069

Tribute Wall



“ *Melissa Newsome lit a candle in memory of John Newsome*



Melissa Newsome - May 27, 2018 at 01:22 PM



“ *I was so sorry to hear about Mr. Newsome. A week before his death, a friend of his from the beach was in my office and when he found out I was from Hartsville, he asked about Mr. Newsome. He was a part of Pendergrass Realty and had so many nice things to say about your entire family. I feel like apart of my extended family is gone because my Dad has always talked about you all my life. My thoughts and prayers are with your family.###imported-begin###Mary Nell Smith###imported-end##*

May 09, 2006 at 04:04 PM



“ *Gedelle,Brenda,Violet,Johnny,Ricky and Willistine.our prayers are with you.God took a wonderful person that we will all miss.For 20 years I rented the property where the mobile home lot was and mr John was always so good to us. He called me and my staff his girls and always looked out for us.Laurence was raised with Mr.John and always thought of him as one of his childhood friends.WE will all miss him###imported-begin###Laurence & Rae Oliver###imported-end##*

April 26, 2006 at 01:38 PM



“ *To the Newsome Family:*

Our thoughts and prayers are with, please except our deepest sympathy.

*Your fomer employee,
Rosa Clyburn & Family##imported-begin##Rosa
Clyburn##imported-end##*

April 24, 2006 at 01:19 PM



“ *Dr. Radcliffe,*

I just received your e-mail on webCT concerning your father-in-law and wanted to send my condolences to you and your family.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Horton##imported-begin##Jennifer Horton##imported-end##

April 21, 2006 at 08:05 PM



“ *We are sorry to hear about Mr. Newsome. Our prayers are with you. May God bless you . Matt and Betsy Bramlett
Bishopville##imported-begin##Matt and Betsy Bramlett ##imported-end##*

April 21, 2006 at 03:26 PM



“ Johnny, Ricky and rest of family. I was sorry to learn of John's passing this morning. I enjoyed living all the years I knew him. My sincere condolences to all family. Jack Kinder##imported-begin##Jack Kiner##imported-end##

April 21, 2006 at 01:30 PM



“ I was out of town when John passed away. I just wanted the family to know, I'm very sorry, all of you will be in my thoughts, and prayerrs.

Sincerely,

Ron Howard##imported-begin##Ron Howard##imported-end##

April 21, 2006 at 11:34 AM



“ To the Newsome family,

We were so sorry to hear of your loss. Our sympathies are with you during this difficult time. Take care.##imported-begin##Bess, Bobby, and Matthew Watkins##imported-end##

April 20, 2006 at 07:15 PM



“ Dearest Aunt Gedelle, Johnny, Violet, Ricky, Brenda and "Grandma" Christine. Uncle John was such a kind and loving person. I know my dad sure did love him. That was all he talked about. Now they will be reunited. What a happy day for those two. He will be missed by so many. May the Lord help you through this day and the days to come. We are praying for you today and everyday. Love, Lucas & Roberta###imported-begin##Lucas E. Tolson, III and mom (Roberta)###imported-end##

April 20, 2006 at 12:58 PM



“ Violet, Brenda, Johnny, Ricky and Gedelle, My prayers are for you today. I wish I could be there, I am working in Hawaii and just heard of your loss. I loved the man like he was my own father. Please know that God will take you through this. He did that for me.
Love,
Faye###imported-begin##Faye Newsome###imported-end##

April 20, 2006 at 12:45 PM



“ My loving thoughts and prayers are with the family. He was a great man.

Pam###imported-begin##Pam Carr###imported-end##

April 20, 2006 at 12:32 PM



“ I was employed at First Carolina Bank about 30 yers ago and John Henry was in and out of the bank every week. He put a smile on everyone's face. What a wonderful man!
I am so sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##doug faggaart##imported-end##

April 20, 2006 at 12:24 PM



“ I will miss Mr.John. When I would run into him on the street, he always seemed to be happy to see me. He would tilt his head and say how you doing old buddy!I feel very lucky to have been his friend.##imported-begin##Stephen M. Arthur##imported-end##

April 20, 2006 at 12:05 PM



“ To the Newsome Family:

Are thoughts and prayers are with each and every one of you during this time of sympathy. Big John will always be remembered fondly by our family for his contributions to our community and devotion to his family.

Sincerely,

The Cassidy Family

(Jimmy, Patricia, Darrell, Tracie, Drake, & Cade)##imported-begin##Jimmy & Patricia Cassidy & Family##imported-end##

April 20, 2006 at 11:27 AM



“ *“Never does one feel oneself as utterly helpless as in trying to speak comfort for great bereavement.”
My thoughts and prayers are with each of you.##imported-begin##Jerry C. Guy, Sr.##imported-end##*

April 20, 2006 at 10:19 AM



“ *I have lost a wonderful uncle. He reminded me so much of my own daddy, David. He helped me get through his funeral in 1993. My thoughts and prayers are with Gedelle, Brenda, Johnny, Violet, and Ricky and all of the spouses, children, and grandchildren.##imported-begin##Becky Newsome Inabinet##imported-end##*

April 20, 2006 at 08:41 AM



“ *John was the one of the best uncles in the world and he will be missed by me and the rest of the family.##imported-begin##Joy Newsome Owens##imported-end##*

April 19, 2006 at 09:43 PM



“ *Rickie & Deb, please knowe that I am thinking of you! Love, Brandy##imported-begin##Brandy ##imported-end##*

April 19, 2006 at 06:27 PM



“ *You all are in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Tillette Scott##imported-end##*

April 19, 2006 at 04:10 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear of your loss, you all will be in my prayers, Big John has meant alot to me over the years.##imported-begin##Eddie Ray Snipes##imported-end##

April 19, 2006 at 12:55 PM



“ Brenda,

Please know that the staff fo Helping Hands Hospice will be praying for you and your family, asking the Lord to give you comfort and peace.

John Griggs##imported-begin##John Griggs##imported-end##

April 19, 2006 at 11:57 AM



“ Miss Newsome- You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God be with you.##imported-begin##Clay Johnson##imported-end##

April 19, 2006 at 10:57 AM



“ Our prayers are with the family. He was such a good man. He will be missed .##imported-begin##ron and t.w. jeffcoat (Orangeburg sc]##imported-end##

April 19, 2006 at 10:24 AM



“ *Brenda & Family, I am very sorry to hear of your loss. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers. God Bless.*
Ashleigh##imported-begin##Ashleigh Sansbury##imported-end##

April 19, 2006 at 09:45 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. I'm sure that you have wonderful memories because Mr. John was such a special, special man.##imported-begin##Sobie Dixon##imported-end##*

April 19, 2006 at 09:12 AM



“ *Deb & Ricky, I was sorry to hear of the passing of Mr. Newsome. I did not know him but I have heard good things about him. My thoughts and prayers are with you and the rest of the family. My son who passed away in Sept 2005 was the grandson of one of Mr. Newsomes employees who passed away last week.##imported-begin##Ellie Jackson##imported-end##*

April 19, 2006 at 09:09 AM



“ *Thinking of you and your family##imported-begin##Rawls Auto Auction Inc##imported-end##*

April 19, 2006 at 09:03 AM



“ *It is with deepest regret that we learn of the passing of John. Please accept our sincerest condolences in you time of grief. John served his country gallantly and will always be remembered as a faithful comrad.*

*The membership of American Legion Post 53,
Hartsville.##imported-begin##Robert Hart ##imported-end##*

April 19, 2006 at 08:34 AM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Mr Newsome was one of the kindest men I have ever known. My first car was purchased from Mr. Newsome himself and it was a used vehicle that he personally owned. Without his help not only myself but others would have never had the opportunity to buy a vehicle back in those days. I can still recall how he laugh with my little sister when she said the car had a pointed nose. Hartsville was given a good man for alot of years. He did alot for people and people like myself appreciated Mr.Nesome.*

May God Bless you and know that He is near just lean on God.##imported-begin##Brenda Jordan Byrd & Little Sister ##imported-end##

April 19, 2006 at 01:40 AM



“ *To the family of Mr. John Newsome
Our prayers and thoughts are with you. May you find comfort in Gods loving arms.*

*From: The Adult Sunday School Class of
Brown Springs Baptist Church located off Hwy 102 Patrick,
SC.##imported-begin##Geraldine Jordan Munn##imported-end##*

April 19, 2006 at 01:27 AM



“ Mrs. Violet, Will, I am so sorry of your loss. I attend Wesley Chapel UMC. I can remember when I was younger and Mr. Newsome would always stop and talk to me in church. He always made everyone feel welcome. The last time I saw Mr. Newsome was when our youth group went christmas caroling and he enjoyed it so much. I wanted to remember him as I saw him last. Mr. Newsome will greatly be missed. If there is anything that I can do please let me know. Your family is in my prayers. Love always Rebecca Lee##imported-begin##Rebecca Lee##imported-end##

April 18, 2006 at 10:42 PM



“ Gedelle, Violet, and all the family, "Mr. John" was such a dear person. He was always so friendly everytime I saw him. I know he will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this sad time.##imported-begin##Pat James##imported-end##

April 18, 2006 at 09:53 PM



“ You are all in my thoughts and prayers. I know that this world has lost a great man, a loved and loving husband, father and grandfather. "John Henry", a kind, caring and generous man, always had an award winning smile for all he met and had such a way of inspiring and helping others fulfill their full potential. He knew the secret to true success and wanted to see all people reach their full potential. He instilled a work ethic in his children and all who were fortunate enough to work with him rather in the business world, the community or his church. I have loved and respected him and you "Ms" Gedelle and this family for as long back as I can remember. My first memories being of shopping at the boutique, next to "Daddy" Eli's Candy Kitchen. Then there were all the political stumps and fund raiser Chicken Bogs at the Old Armory. Dr. George and John Henry set lasting examples of being involved in this unique community as good citizens and giving back. He loved people, life, his friends and most of all his family. I have so many fond memories of times spent with this family, so many funny memories of his great sense of humor and his ability to always know exactly what to say when someone needed to hear it the most. My daughter, Caroline, thought he was the neatest thing since slice bread and couldn't wait to get back from her visits with Nelson to Lions Club so she could tell me what "Uncle Bob" Bass and "Mr. John Henry" had done to make it so much fun for everyone. She tried well into her teens to learn to "pitch" a biscuit even slightly as good as this pair! As you know, I lost my precious daughter on August 22, 2005 at Emory University Hospital in Atlanta. To that day, Caroline had still kept the dollar bills that John Henry would give her eat time he saw her at Ruth's Drive In @ lunchtime and the card that you sent her at graduation from Trinity Collegiate School holding "gas" money for her little BMW. I know that she and Bob and all his friends and loved ones that are in heaven are planning a great reunion for heaven's new "inductee". Violet (& Boots): You have always been such a good friend to me. I cherish the times we would go to Mr. B's with your parents after church on Sunday and the early Christmas morning phone calls to compare what our Daddy's had surprised us with each year. Our Dallas discussions

and times at the "Hello" were always fun. Brenda (& Wayne): you too have been a good friend and Noelle to Caroline. She sent me the sweetest card along with her hand written kind heart warming words when Caroline died. Your Daddy loved you girls so much. You were his pride and joy. Ricky: I remember your & Deb's wedding. That was one of the happiest wedding party's I have ever seen. I remember seeing your Mom & Dad at different times with the twins when they were young lads and saw what joy they gave him. I always admired how he could handle them in the mall back then. Little did I know that I would one day have a pair of twin sons of my own. Everytime I see Violet she says "I can't believe you have twins" and I always say "Me either!" Your Dad loved to talk to me about your love of duck hunting and Santee. He was amazed by your passion and patience for the sport. I believe that your Dad possessed the great quality of loving all of his children and grandchildren equally and that is something that I am so thankful for in my own Dad. Johnny, Pat & Little Johnny & spouse: You all have been good friends to me and over the years. Johnny, your Dad was so proud of the way you "wore" his name. He loved that you were eager and shared his work ethics and shared that "midas" touch for success from long hours, sacrifices and resilience. Pat, you weren't just his daughter-in-law, but another of his daughters. Little Johnny, can't help but call you that I've done it since you were born. Your grandfather was also proud of the way you "wear" his name. Your Aunt Brenda and Violet kept me up to date of what a terrific kid you were as you grew up. To each of you, I wish there was something that

April 18, 2006 at 08:36 PM



“ Dearest Mrs. Gedale and family...Mr Newsome was always the same wherever I saw him. Of late it was usually in a doctor's office, not where we'd have liked to meet, but he always had an encouraging or complimentary word to say about Rhett, George and Alice's grandson. Everette always looked up to Mr. John as he did all of his uncles. He always asked about all of the family and no matter how rich he got, he never let it show. He has no need to because he was his own person and had wisdom behind him. I know all of you have many fond memories that will come to your minds in future thoughts of Mr.John.

Christine, I suppose all those brothers took good care of you. Now only you will have special memories of your childhoods together. God bless each and every one of you is my prayer.

Jo Lynn Newsome###imported-begin##Jo Lynn Newsome###imported-end##

April 18, 2006 at 06:19 PM



“ ALL THE STAFF AT NEWSOME AUTOMOTIVE IN FLORENCE SENDS THEIR SYMPATHY IN THIS TIME OF LOSS. MR. JOHN WAS HIGHLY RESPECTED AND WE WILL NEVER FORGET HIM. HE WAS A FINE EXAMPLE FOR EVERYONE, ESPECIALLY PEOPLE IN THE AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY. THANK YOU MR. NEWSOME!###imported-begin##FRANKIE MORRISON###imported-end##

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