



## Joseph Edward Newman

November 1, 2011

Joe went to start his next journey on November 1st, 2011. He departed this life peacefully with his wife, son and daughter by his side. Joseph Edward Newman was born March 29th, 1941 in Vermontville to Kathryn (Gallagher) and George Newman, one of 8 children, Mike, Jane, Margaret, Barbara, John, Mary and Jeff, all surviving. All who knew Joe knew of his steadfast dedication and devotion to his family. Those who worked with Joe knew there were three ways to do things: Joe's way, Joe's way, and Joe's way. Many words defined him: loyalty, dedication, selfless service, honor, and integrity. He was a humble man and an inspiration to all who knew him. Joe spent 48 years with Mill Supply Corporation, eventually becoming CEO and president until his retirement in 2009. Joe's legacy lives on with his son, Steven (Karen) and daughter Mary Jo (Brian) and his three amazing granddaughters, Kaitlin, Kelsie, and Megan, all for whom his pride was unmatched. Surviving are his wife of 48 years, Diana; his son, Steven (Karen); daughter, Mary Jo (Brian), Granddaughters, Kaitlin, Kelsie and Megan; 7 siblings, Jane (Jim) Fox, Mike Newman, Margaret (Ron) Premo, Barbara (Bud) Dunneback, John (Joyce) Newman, Mary (Paul) DeWitt, and Jeff Newman. Visitation will be held Thursday, November 3, 2011 from 7:00 – 9:00 pm and Friday from 2:00 – 4:00 pm and 7:00 – 9:00 pm at Pray Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held Saturday, 2:00 pm at Pray Funeral Home with Father Douglas Osborne, Tom Spitzley and Don Colizzi officiating. Interment is at Gresham Cemetery. The family requests memorial contributions be made to Fresenius Medical Care of

Charlotte, Dialysis Center. Online condolences may be made at [www.prayfuneral.com](http://www.prayfuneral.com). Arrangements by Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte, Michigan.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Joseph Edward Newman*



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**Pray Funeral Home, Inc.** - November 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ *My deepest sympathy to you, Diane, and your family. I have many wonderful and special memories growing up with Joe and his family. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

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**Becky Kelsey Strange** - November 08, 2011 at 01:51 PM

MS

“ *My sympathy to the Newman family.*

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**Margaret McLaughlin Sjoberg** - November 06, 2011 at 09:19 PM

DK

“ *I just heard of Joe's passing this morning. I am saddened that I was not able to attend the visitation or services today. I always admired Joe and enjoyed talking with him. My prayers are with the Newman family during this time of your loss.*

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**Doug Kelsey** - November 05, 2011 at 05:21 PM

DL

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your entire family during this difficult time.

Dennis Vanderhoef & Trudy Lienau - November 04, 2011 at 12:14 PM

JS

“ Our hearts go out to you all, in your time of sorrow. Although it's difficult today to see beyond the sorrow, May looking back in memory help comfort you tomorrow.

Jim & Lisa Schaendorf - November 04, 2011 at 09:20 AM

KM

“ Thoughts and prayers to the entire Newman family during this difficult time. Memories hold a lifetime.

kristins mayhew - November 03, 2011 at 10:51 PM

SH

“ I am very sorry to hear of Joe's passing. He will now know of an existence without pain or sorrow. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.

Shirley Gardner Harmon - November 03, 2011 at 07:36 PM

HF

“ Dear Mrs. Newman and family, We are so sorry to hear of your loss. It is clear from the beautiful pictures and video tribute to your husband that the love and care you demonstrated for the children on your bus route was an extension of the love within your family. You are in our hearts, thoughts and prayers. May faith, family and friends ease your sorrow. With deepest sympathy from the Hindenach Family

Hindenach Family - November 03, 2011 at 03:42 PM

TM

“ Thank you Mr. Newman for all of the great stories, jokes, hugs & smiles! You will missed by all. Rich\*Angel\*Owenn\*Brogan

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**The McCrumbs** - November 03, 2011 at 02:44 PM

DP

“ Diane, You have been strong, supportive and steadfast throughout the years and maybe never more-so than this past year. Just know that Joe went peacefully and knowing that he was loved to the fullest that any love can be. I have thought of you daily and we will continue to pray for you and the rest of the family. I will always remember calling him "Hun" and seeing him smile and remember the story's he and you and mom would share of your lives together. I will always be here, I love you.

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**Denise Fassett Pelletier** - November 03, 2011 at 02:02 PM

JS

“ Over the past couple of days, I have had some incredible memories from childhood. Our family would squeeze into one home or another for a holiday and the sound of laughter still rings clear in my memories today. Of course Uncle Joe would tease me every chance he could get because I would not spend the night at his house; no street lights! He always called me the city girl. I will miss him very much and will cherish these memories forever. Love to the family, Jane

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**Jane Stephens** - November 03, 2011 at 01:37 PM

MC

“ In the picture is my sister Angel (Mr. Newman's good luck charm), which was taken at Eaton County Fairgrounds. My dad and Mr. Newman spent many weekends, at horse shows, when Steve, MaryJo, my sisters Angel and Nikki and I were showing our horses (late 70s through 90s). I can vividly recall many times where my dad and Mr. Newman would make conversation with youth 4-H members and the general public on how they traveled through the ranks of this horse world, beginning by 'training elephants for the circus'. The stories were elaborate and quite believable; they made use of their idle time with their creative minds. They often spoke about how 'horses' were supposed to make them rich, keep their kids out of trouble and the like. Not sure any of these things really happened, but what they did realize is that the 4-H connection would be a lifetime of cherished memories for all who knew them. Deep down, they truly enjoyed and supported the hobbies enjoyed by their children. When Megan, Kelsie and Kaitlin began their venture in the horse world, Mr. Newman once again appeared, with his beautiful smile and abundant stories! The Colizzis will surely miss him.

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**Monique Colizzi** - November 03, 2011 at 12:32 PM

NC

“ I want to pass on my most sincere sympathy to the entire Newman family. I have many childhood memories of this wonderful man. He always had a smile on his face and a twinkle in his eye and he will be missed dearly! Love and prayers for all of you....Nikki (Colizzi) Corr

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**Nikki (Colizzi) Corr** - November 03, 2011 at 12:19 PM

MC

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the Newman family. Mr. Newman was our ray of sunshine and excitement at horse shows, the fair and other family/friend functions! He was one of the most kind, fun loving and funny individuals I've come to know. I am blessed to have had him in my life. I will miss him greatly.

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**Monique Colizzi** - November 03, 2011 at 12:11 PM

KT

“ So sorry to hear about your father. If you were anything like him, Steve, I'm sure he was a great man. My prayers are with you and your family.

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**KimberLee Torkko** - November 03, 2011 at 10:23 AM

DH

“ Our prayers and thoughts are with all of the Newman family. Merle called us today with the sad news. We never will forget Joes great smile and quick wit, respectfully, Brinda and Dave Hawkins

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**Dave Hawkins** - November 02, 2011 at 09:51 PM

SE

“ We are very sorry for your loss. Joe was a good man and will always be remembered fondly. We hope your memories will provide you some comfort at this time. He will be greatly missed by our entire family.

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**Sheldon & Diane Enterline** - November 02, 2011 at 08:59 PM

DF

“ *Diane, Steve, and family, Mary Jo, Brian and Megan: Joe was an awesome man, and will be dearly missed! It is hard to put into words, how sorry I am for your loss! Cherish the memories, and know that Joe will be watching over all of you. Your family is a part of our family, the Simpson family. I am so proud to have known Joe, and the rest of the family. Love you all very much, and will be keeping you all in my prayers. Know that the strength of God will help heal the pain you are feeling, and lean on Him.*

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**Derek, Sarah, Hannah and Holly Fountaine** - November 02, 2011 at 07:54 PM

TK

“ *What wonderful memories we have of our cousin Joe in our growing up years. He was a good guy, a fun guy, and most of all he was a husband and father. Although we haven't seen him in many years, we know he is safely home with his mom & dad.*



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**The Osborns - Rich, Tish, Mark, Katie, Jennie & Kyle** - November 02, 2011 at 05:52 PM

BB

“ *Cherish his memories and keep them close to your heart. Please know that all of you are in our thoughts and prayers- The Bruce and Carroll Family*

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**Becky (Carroll) Bruce** - November 02, 2011 at 05:34 PM

S-

“ God Bless the Hosey-Newman family at this time of sorrow. Our hearts go out to you in this time of need. Our son Steven has talked about Mr. Newman and what an awesome man he was! (along with the entire family) Keep his spirit alive with the cherished memories you hold in your heart. Megan, I know the pain you are feeling with losing your grandpa. I can not say that it will ever be easy, just keep his love close to your heart. God Bless

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**Steve and Lisa Creller -family** - November 02, 2011 at 11:46 AM

RW

“ Mary Jo and Family: My sincerest condolence for the loss of your Dad. Its been a horrendous year for your family, but always knowing that you stayed by his side, with tender love and care. God bless you, girl!

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**Robin Wolever** - November 02, 2011 at 08:59 AM