



James "Jimmy" A. Newell

January 6, 1957 - December 11, 2020

James "Jimmy" Albert Newell, 63, of Easton passed away on Friday, December 11, 2020 at Blessings Hospital in Quincy, IL. He was born on January 6, 1957 in Pekin to Carlos and LaVerne (Sheely-Ryan) Newell. On September 30, 1979 in Mason City, he Married Sheila Kelly who survives. He is also survived by his children: Ivan (Wendy) Newell of New Bern, North Carolina and Staci (Eric) Sterchi of Morton, 4 grandchildren: Drew Newell, Madelyn Sterchi, Ethan and Jasmine Vance, 3 sisters: Mary (Mike) Buttry of Springfield, Polly (Mike) Cardello of Arizona, Peggy Stanbury of Springfield, 2 brothers: Martin Ryan of Massachusetts and Carlos Newell of Oklahoma. He was preceded in death by his parents, 2 sisters and a brother.

Jimmy was a 1975 graduate of Mason City High School. He served in the United States Navy retiring in 1998 after 19 years of military service. He was employed by Illini Central School District as a custodian. He took over the Junior High track program in 2002 as the head coach and two years later added cross country coach to his resume and was also the middle school volleyball coach. Jim knew no strangers and would talk to everyone. He always had a smile on his face or a hug to give. If he gave you a hard time, you knew he liked you. Whether he was telling you a joke or lending an ear, he was there for you. He was also a huge Chicago Cubs fan.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, August 7, 2021 from 9: 00 AM - 11:00 AM at the Illini Central Track

at the Illini Central School. Online condolences may be left at www.hurleyfh.com. Memorial contributions can be sent to his family to help with the medical expenses.

Hurley Funeral Home in Mason City is in charge of the arrangements.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

AUG 7. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Illini Central Track
Mason City, IL 62664

Tribute Wall

DD

“ I wrestled my first match against Jimmy. He beat me 22 to 20. My dad said it was the best match he ever watched. By all the posts I see impacted many lives, I thought it was crazy that I ran into him across the court, coaching Illini central volleyball team. Two old wrestlers, coaching volleyball, I looked forward to seeing him every year. I truly miss him. Godspeed, Jimmy.

David Donnelly - January 27, 2024 at 05:20 PM



“ James "Jimmy" A. Newell

October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM

AP

“ I can't believe you're gone Jimmy. I'll never forget all the track and cross country meets where you would push us kids to be our best selves, on the field and off. I hope you are enjoying your time in a better place now. All the hearts you touched will never forget you and will always cherish you.



Alexis Paskach - January 17, 2021 at 12:20 PM

DI

Thank you, Jimmy, for treating my Special Needs boys like the people that they are. I so much appreciate your caring. God Bless your family & give them all strength & comfort each day. Diana, Kyle, & Tyler

Diana - October 08, 2021 at 09:00 PM

DE

“ Will love and miss you uncle Jimmy. Happy that you were able to touch so many lives ~ Dew



Dew - December 17, 2020 at 11:49 PM

JD

“ To the family of Jimmy ,we send our deepest sympathy for the loss of your loved one. Jimmy was a friend and inspiration to many of our future leaders of Illini Central. He has so many people who called him friend , he was definitely richer than anyone could imagine. He will be missed and there will be a huge void in our lives. Rest in peace my friend!

John &Cindy Dodson - December 16, 2020 at 10:18 PM

KA

“ Kim & Larry Allen lit a candle in memory of James "Jimmy" A. Newell



Kim & Larry Allen - December 16, 2020 at 03:25 PM

TW

“ Tom Williams lit a candle in memory of James "Jimmy" A. Newell



tom williams - December 15, 2020 at 07:00 PM

TW

“ Tracy Williams lit a candle in memory of James "Jimmy" A. Newell



tracy williams - December 15, 2020 at 06:59 PM



“ I served with Jimmy on the USS Dewey...always a good friend ...proud to call him my Shipmate.....Hand Salute

Russ Elder - December 15, 2020 at 06:50 PM

LH

“ Larry And Mary Hundt lit a candle in memory of James "Jimmy" A. Newell



Larry and Mary Hundt - December 15, 2020 at 01:53 PM

KA

“ Ken & Mary Ann Andrews lit a candle in memory of James "Jimmy" A. Newell



Ken & Mary Ann Andrews - December 15, 2020 at 12:26 PM

JO

“ My deepest sympathy to family and friends. He was truly an amazing human to all and will be missed by countless people.

Jennifer Onken - December 15, 2020 at 12:01 PM

DM

“ RIP Jim. After reading all the tributes, you were a man that was truly loved and admired! That is sign of a true man! THANK YOU FOR BEING MY FRIEND!
Darlene Seward Miller



darlene (seward) miller - December 15, 2020 at 11:05 AM

DF

“ Jimmy will be missed, enjoyed his laughter and comments. He helped Ron and I set up the Easton High School Alumni Banquets, was always willing to help. I always saw him running somewhere.
Ron and Dorothy (Hagan) Fahs.

Dorothy (Hagan) Fahs - December 15, 2020 at 10:04 AM

RW

“ Randy & Joy Ward lit a candle in memory of James "Jimmy" A. Newell



Randy & Joy Ward - December 15, 2020 at 09:03 AM

KK

“*Kraig Krause lit a candle in memory of James "Jimmy" A. Newell*



Kraig Krause - December 15, 2020 at 08:25 AM

PP

“*Jimmy will be missed by all but will never be forgotten. He was an amazing man who has touched so my lives in all that he did. All 3 of my children & myself truly respected him for everything he did. My deepest condolences to the family.*

Pam, Brad, Abby, & Taylor Pherigo - December 14, 2020 at 10:19 PM

NK

“*Nadine Kreft lit a candle in memory of James "Jimmy" A. Newell*



Nadine Kreft - December 14, 2020 at 10:13 PM

PP

“*Pam, Brad, Abby, & Taylor Pherigo lit a candle in memory of James "Jimmy" A. Newell*



Pam, Brad, Abby, & Taylor Pherigo - December 14, 2020 at 10:06 PM

GD

“ Gary & Mary Druien lit a candle in memory of James "Jimmy" A. Newell



Gary & Mary Druien - December 14, 2020 at 09:49 PM

KH

“ Jim and I graduated high school together. And although that has been many years ago, I remember him as someone we all loved. I can see through the many photos and posts on here and on Facebook that he remained loved throughout the years by so many more people. What a wonderful legacy for a man who had such an influence on so many lives.



Kathy Harrison - December 14, 2020 at 03:25 PM

SR

“ I remember Jim Newell as a fresh Signalman seaman coming aboard the USS Dewey. It was easy to recognize readily that he was one who would absorb every opportunity to any learning situation. When I transferred off the Dewey I knew he was well on his way to do an outstanding job for the U.S. Navy. I know he will be missed by all who knew him, and I will miss communicating with him. Rest in Peace my good man.
Senior Chief Signalman Car H. Posey, U.S. Navy Retired

SMCS Carl H. Posey, USN Ret. - December 14, 2020 at 02:56 PM

MB

“ *Megan Bodendieck lit a candle in memory of James "Jimmy" A. Newell*



Megan Bodendieck - December 14, 2020 at 02:44 PM

CW

“ *Cassandra Withers lit a candle in memory of James "Jimmy" A. Newell*



Cassandra Withers - December 14, 2020 at 02:38 PM

MH

“ *My heartfelt prayers to the family. I'm so thankful Jimmy was around as my son went through school. His impact on lives will continue for years to come...*



Melissa Hays - December 14, 2020 at 02:35 PM

DL

“ *Danette E Lynn lit a candle in memory of James "Jimmy" A. Newell*



Danette E Lynn - December 14, 2020 at 01:29 PM

SW

“ Shirley Thomas Wills lit a candle in memory of James "Jimmy" A. Newell



Shirley Thomas Wills - December 14, 2020 at 01:25 PM

AB

“ Alanie Bruns lit a candle in memory of James "Jimmy" A. Newell



Alanie Bruns - December 14, 2020 at 01:23 PM

LR

“ Linda Rumler lit a candle in memory of James "Jimmy" A. Newell



Linda Rumler - December 14, 2020 at 01:18 PM

BS

“ Brian And Lisa Shawgo lit a candle in memory of James "Jimmy" A. Newell



brian and lisa shawgo - December 14, 2020 at 01:01 PM

JR

“ Janel Ripper lit a candle in memory of James "Jimmy" A. Newell



Janel Ripper - December 14, 2020 at 12:53 PM

MR

“ Jimmy was always so encouraging to our kids when they were in cross country and track. We consider it a privilege to have known him. We are praying for his family during this difficult time.
Michael, Melissa, Alex, & Gracelyn Roat

Melissa E Roat - December 14, 2020 at 12:45 PM

MR

“ Martin Ryan lit a candle in memory of James "Jimmy" A. Newell



martin Ryan - December 14, 2020 at 12:00 PM

CH

“ Cathy Howard lit a candle in memory of James "Jimmy" A. Newell



Cathy Howard - December 14, 2020 at 11:59 AM

GS

“ Gary & Carolyn Smith lit a candle in memory of James "Jimmy" A. Newell



Gary & Carolyn Smith - December 14, 2020 at 11:57 AM

JM

“ So sorry thoughts and prayers to you all



jean proctor meikle - December 14, 2020 at 11:57 AM

JM

“ Forever grateful for his influence in my children's lives. (Seamus, Sarah, & Belle Kelly) Words can't describe how much confidence he instilled in them. What a difference he made in this world! So missed, by so many!



Joanna Mustered - December 14, 2020 at 11:35 AM

VB

“ Vickie Bagby lit a candle in memory of James "Jimmy" A. Newell



Vickie Bagby - December 14, 2020 at 10:56 AM

DB

“ *David And Brenda Banister lit a candle in memory of James "Jimmy" A. Newell*



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“ *Laura Tibbs lit a candle in memory of James "Jimmy" A. Newell*



Laura Tibbs - December 14, 2020 at 10:50 AM

MF

“ *Means Family lit a candle in memory of James "Jimmy" A. Newell*



Means Family - December 14, 2020 at 10:49 AM