



Mr. John H. Newell Sr.

March 23, 1941 - October 29, 2018

On Monday, October 29, 2018, John H. Newell, Sr., 77, of McCandless, passed away peacefully at home with his loving family by his side. John lost the battle with a very aggressive cancer.

John was born in Stahlstown on March 23, 1941. He was a graduate of Ligonier Valley High School and the University of Pittsburgh.

John married Linda on July 15, 1967 and they spent 51 years together enjoying their time, living abroad and around the country as he worked at IBM and they raised a family together. They lived in Maryland, Germany, Kentucky, and New Jersey before settling in Pittsburgh, where they lived happily for the past 41 years. John was an avid golfer for many years and enjoyed his long-time membership at Oakmont Country Club. More recently, he enjoyed riding his new bike, writing letters to the editor of the local newspapers, and watching all of his grandchildren play hockey, softball, baseball, and basketball (but not really soccer). He enjoyed his annual trips to the beach with his family in Topsail, NC and loved watching a good storm over the ocean. Having just retired in June, he was looking forward to traveling more with his wife, and brother-in-law and sister-in-law (and lifelong friends), Frank and Joanne Chew.

John is survived by his wife, Linda (Pignetti) of Pittsburgh, three children, and

five grandchildren. Father of John H. (Valerie) Newell, Jr. of Export, Lance W. Newell of Pittsburgh, and Brooke (John) Ebken of Pittsburgh. Proud "Papa" to Tyler, Ben, Jake, Mercy and Nolan.

John was preceded in death by his parents, Ernest and Phyllis Newell and brother Richard Newell. He is survived by his three brothers and many nieces and nephews; brother of Harold (Edith) Newell of Ligonier, Frank (Shirley) Newell of Stahlstown, and Robert (Peggy) Newell of Ligonier. Brother-in-law of John (Mardie) Pignetti of Greensburg.

Friends and family will be received Friday, November 2, 2018 from 1-3 and 6-8 p.m. at Simons Funeral Home, Inc., 7720 Perry Hwy, Pgh, PA 15237. Mass of Christian Burial on Saturday, November 3, 2018 at 11:00 am in Saint John Neumann Church, 2230 Rochester Road, Pgh, PA 15237.

Contributions may be made in John's memory to the American Cancer Society (www.cancer.org), or his preference to the Republican National Committee (<https://www.gop.com>).

Cemetery Details

North Side Catholic

204 Cemetery Lane
Pittsburgh, PA 15237

Tribute Wall



“ *Fields of Europe was purchased for the family of Mr. John H. Newell Sr..*



November 02, 2018 at 09:39 AM



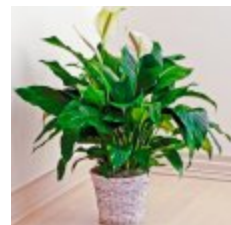
“ *Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Mr. John H. Newell Sr..*



November 02, 2018 at 09:10 AM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Mr. John H. Newell Sr..*



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“ I had the pleasure of being one of John's customers several times over the years, and luckily found myself working with him for 4+ years where he had a profound impact on my career. He was a great friend and mentor, and in the 12 years since we worked together directly, I have found myself smiling and laughing because I could hear his voice and influence when I was struggling. Work aside, John was also a true friend. He genuinely cared about everything in your life and was not shy about lending a hand. You could go months without speaking to him, and when you'd call things would pick up like you had just seen him yesterday.

My thoughts and prayers to Linda and Family. You lost one of the great ones, but he's not someone that we will ever forget. I am a better person for having known him!

Daniel J Dulick - October 31, 2018 at 02:44 PM

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“ To Aunt Linda, Johnny, Lance and Brooke,
So sorry to hear of Uncle John passing! Praying for you all! He will be missed!

One of my first memories of him when Barb and I were younger, uncle John was in college I think, he taught us how to say “I love you” in German! We thought he was so smart!! And always a business man / he gave us a share of stock in some company for Christmas!

Rest In Peace Uncle John!

Beverly Newell Grace - October 31, 2018 at 12:55 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White* was purchased for the family of Mr. John H. Newell Sr..



October 31, 2018 at 11:23 AM



“ *Steven Broniszewski Gibsonia, PA.*

Sorry to hear the passing of Mr. Newell. We were always able to strike up a quick conversation about Pittsburgh sports or golf at the house. Usually before a night out with my good high school friend Lance or many of our Sunday trips back to Penn State after a weekend home. He was always very well spoken. Thoughts and prayers to Mrs. Newell, John, Lance, and Brooke.

Steve Broniszewski - October 31, 2018 at 10:37 AM



“ *Shades of Purple* was purchased for the family of Mr. John H. Newell Sr..



October 30, 2018 at 10:10 PM

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“ John Newell was one of my favorite people. When Linda married him it was like he was my brother in law. He made me laugh all the time, those jokes oh my. I may not have talked to John for months but when we did it was like I just talked to me five minutes ago. John always treated me like family. John, Lance and Brooke I am so sorry, your Dad is not suffering and just think he is making someone laugh in heaven. Linda please take care. Love Tish Rossi

tish rossi - October 30, 2018 at 07:27 PM

RJ

“ I had the most enjoyable pleasure of working with John when he worked in the computer leasing business. I worked for Thrift Drug Company and we were one of John's clients. He wasn't just someone I worked with, John was a friend. I retired from Thrift just about the time John was getting into the Bruster Ice Cream business. I will always be grateful for the many great memories mostly those on the golf course. What a competitor. Rest in Peace, buddy.

Ray Jones - October 30, 2018 at 04:17 PM