



## Johnnie Hubert Newland

May 14, 1934 - June 29, 2021

RICHMOND, Ind. – Johnnie Hubert Newland, age 87, of Richmond, Indiana, died Tuesday, June 29, 2021, at home surrounded by his loving family.

Born May 14, 1934, in Hindman, Kentucky, to William and Grace Combs Newland, Johnnie lived in Richmond most of his life, but had also lived in Venice, Florida, and Mission, Texas. He graduated from Richmond High School. Johnnie worked at Wallace Metal Products, was co-owner of ABC Door Co. with his brother-in-law, Elmer Ray Wilmot, and was the owner of Newland Construction Company. He also served as a fire fighter with the Richmond Fire Department from 1960–1980, becoming chief in just under nine years which was unprecedented at that time. Johnnie was also the first white fireman to integrate into the all black fire station. He was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church and the former St. John Lutheran Church. Johnnie loved bowling, playing softball, deer hunting, and fishing, including participating in bass tournament championships. In addition, he enjoyed gardening, working jigsaw puzzles, reading Western novels, and dancing, especially square dancing and jitterbug.

Survivors include his wife of 66 years, Laura Fredonna Wesler Newland; daughter, Debbie Newland (Patty Beam); son, John Newland (Doug McIntosh); sisters-in-law, Opal Newland and Janet Newland; brother-in-law, Elmer Ray Wilmot; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and siblings, Nell (Pearl) Goins, Electra (Jim) Matthey, Betty (Jim) Carlton, Minnie Lee (Skeet) Wilmot/McDaniel, Lena Newland, Curt Newland, Boone Newland, Jack (Chris) Newland, and Earl Newland.

Visitation for Johnnie Hubert Newland will be from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Friday, July 2, 2021, at Doan & Mills Funeral Home, 790 National Road West, Richmond. Funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, July 3, 2021, at Doan & Mills Funeral Home with Rev. Cliff Nunn officiating. Burial will be in Lutherania Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to: Boys and Girls Clubs of Wayne County, 1717

South L Street, Richmond, IN 47374.

Condolences may be sent to the family via the guest book at [www.doanmillsfuneralhome.com](http://www.doanmillsfuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery

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## **Lutherania Cemetery**

2001 Liberty Avenue  
Richmond, IN, 47374

# Events

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**JUL** **Visitation** 05:00PM - 07:00PM

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Doan & Mills Funeral Home  
790 National Road West, Richmond, IN, US

**JUL** **Funeral Service** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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Doan & Mills Funeral Home  
790 National Road West, Richmond, IN, US

# Comments

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“ A tribute video has been added.



**Doan & Mills Funeral Home** - July 01, 2021 at 11:28 AM



“ Our condolences to your family. We know how much Johnny will be missed. You are in our prayers

**Brad and Sylvia** - July 02, 2021 at 12:04 PM

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“ Just heard of Johnny's passing yesterday at our family reunion. We were heart broken but after talking with you a while ago about his health we were not shocked. We both miss you all as neighbors and send our thoughts and prayers for God to wrap his arms around Fredonna, Debbie, John and help you all during this time of grief.

**Bob and Lou Murray** - July 03, 2021 at 02:21 PM

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“ I am sending my love to all of you! I feel so blessed to have spent a lovely afternoon with you. John talked a mile a minute and left Fredonna unable to get a word in- go figure. The laughter and memories are the best! I love all of you dearly! Carol

**carol cramer** - July 02, 2021 at 10:47 AM

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“ Dear Fredonna John and Debbie  
This is such a sad thing. I an out of town, but my thoughts will be with you during the calling so sorry I can't be there  
Kathy and Johnie , I'm sure have already hooked up and laughing just like old times.

**dick lehman** - July 01, 2021 at 09:59 PM

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“ 51 files added to the album LifeTributes



Doan & Mills Funeral Home - July 01, 2021 at 11:27 AM

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“ June Tuffy lit a candle in memory of Johnnie Hubert Newland



June Tuffy - July 01, 2021 at 10:46 AM

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“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Rick Rush - July 01, 2021 at 10:10 AM



“ Big John, your life has been a gift to our family as you and Fredonna always poured yourself out for us and so many. Thank you for the gift of love that you shared with the world...and for your smile!

Rick - July 01, 2021 at 10:13 AM



“ He was such a joy to around!. Always telling great stories filled with lots of laughter. It was an honor to know him, such a great guy! Our deepest sympathy to all of the family.

Kay Beam

Kay Beam - July 02, 2021 at 04:13 PM

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“ Johnny reached out to everyone, He was an amazing giving and talented friend who made a lovely bench in memory of my Dad Tom Charles, He helped so many folks throughout the years, we will miss him but have good memories and know he will be with the Lord

**Diane Fell** - July 01, 2021 at 03:17 AM

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“ So very sorry for your loss. I am Frank and Zoe Krcelic's daughter Dawna. I remember many happy times with all of you. Prayers for you at this time.

**Dawna Sands** - June 30, 2021 at 10:11 PM

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

**Gary Brown and the Staff of Doan & Mills** - June 30, 2021 at 11:59 AM