



Clifford "Top" Newton

July 12, 1935 - January 10, 2018

Clifford W. "Top" Newton, age 82 years, a resident of rural Vienna, passed away Wednesday morning, January 10, 2018, at 1:09 AM at the Ray and Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center in Paducah, Kentucky.

Clifford, affectionately known as "Top", was the eldest of 4 sons born to Clifford Lawrence Newton and Golda (Murrie) Newton on July 12, 1935 in Simpson, Illinois.

Top was united in marriage to Velma Carlton on May 30, 1954 at the Mt. Zion Baptist Church near Buncombe. She survives.

Other survivors include: his son – Randy L. (Toni Snell) Newton of Vienna; a granddaughter – Jennifer (Jeff) Bunton of Shumway; 2 great granddaughters – Addison and Aliyah; 3 brothers – Bill Newton of Ozark, John Newton of Morganfield, Kentucky, and Jim Newton of Swansea; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

Top was preceded in death by his parents.

Top was a 1952 graduate of Vienna High School. He was employed as a laborer in a sawmill. Later, he worked as an electrician's helper with Kindred Hunter. Top then worked for 29 years at the Clyde Choate Mental Health

Center (formerly the Anna State Hospital) as a mental health technician. He retired in 1991. During his working career at Choate Mental Health, Top was an active member of the AFSCME Union Council 31 and had served as the local union vice president.

Top was a member of the New Hope Baptist Church near New Columbia. He was a sports enthusiast and particularly enjoyed baseball. Top was a faithful fan of the St. Louis Cardinals. He was also an avid fisherman when his health had permitted.

A service honoring the life of Clifford W. "Top" Newton will be conducted Tuesday morning, January 16, 2018, at 11 AM at the New Hope Baptist Church, 6804 New Columbia Road, Belknap, Illinois. Pastor Frank Forthman will officiate. Burial will be in the Vienna Fraternal Cemetery.

Visitation will be held Monday evening, January 15, 2018, from 5 PM – 8 PM at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna and from 10 AM – 11 AM Tuesday, January 16, 2018 at the New Hope Baptist Church.

Memorials may be made to the Humane Society of the United States, 1255 23rd Street, N.W., Suite 450, Washington, D.C. 20037 www.humanesociety.org

Cemetery Details

Vienna Fraternal Cemetery

N. 6th Street
Vienna, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **15**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Bailey Funeral Home
705 North First Street
PO Box 695
Vienna, IL 62995
(618) 658-2311
baileyfhinc@hotmail.com
<https://baileyfh.com>

Visitation

JAN **16**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

New Hope Baptist Church
6804 New Columbia Road
Belknap, IL

Service

JAN 16. 11:00 AM (CT)

New Hope Baptist Church
6804 New Columbia Road
Belknap, IL

Luncheon

JAN 16. 1:30 PM (CT)

New Hope Baptist Church
6804 New Columbia Road
Belknap, IL

Tribute Wall



“ Clifford "Top" Newton

January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM



“ Top was a one of a kind, so sorry for you loss

Neil Martin - February 22, 2018 at 02:34 AM



“ Jerry Hawkins lit a candle in memory of Clifford "Top" Newton



Jerry Hawkins - January 19, 2018 at 01:04 PM



“ Terry Anderson lit a candle in memory of Clifford "Top" Newton



Terry Anderson - January 16, 2018 at 08:12 PM

SH

“ Randy and Velma, Thinking of you during this difficult time. Steve & Jeannie Housewright



Steve & Jeannie Housewright - January 16, 2018 at 10:18 AM

WD

“ Randy, So sorry for the loss of your father. I always remember that he and your were always so close.

Wayne Dunn - January 15, 2018 at 08:08 PM

VM

“ Virgil Deon And Arlene Murrie Miles lit a candle in memory of Clifford "Top" Newton



Virgil Deon and Arlene Murrie Miles - January 15, 2018 at 08:06 PM

VM

So Sorry to hear about Top's passing. Would have been there tonight and tomorrow but with the snow we can't get out. May god be withy you all

Virgil Deon and Arlene Murrie Miles - January 15, 2018 at 08:09 PM

DS

“ Danyaleita Spraggs lit a candle in memory of Clifford "Top" Newton



Danyaleita Spraggs - January 15, 2018 at 01:04 PM

JN

“ *Top is not only my beloved brother - he is my best friend!* ”

John Newton - January 15, 2018 at 12:25 PM

BR

“ *Top was a amazing guy. Us at New Hope are going to miss his smiling face. Thoughts and prayers to Velma and the rest of his family.* ”



Brenda Rushing - January 14, 2018 at 01:58 AM



“ *Velma, so sorry for your loss. Top will be dearly missed by all your friends and neighbors* ”



Elaine Rotan - January 13, 2018 at 03:53 PM

VJ

“ *Back in school days, my name was Virginia Campbell, then Breeden for 45 years. I am thinking of you and share in your grief.* ”

Virginia Jones - January 13, 2018 at 09:10 AM

VJ

“ *Virginia Jones lit a candle in memory of Clifford "Top" Newton* ”



Virginia Jones - January 13, 2018 at 09:04 AM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Clifford "Top" Newton.*



January 12, 2018 at 08:55 AM



“ *Velma you and Top have always been Family Sending hugs and prayers for you and your family from Amanda and I . love you*

Carol Bryant - January 11, 2018 at 02:05 PM



“ *BILLY 7 GLENNA STUCKER lit a candle in memory of Clifford "Top" Newton*



BILLY 7 GLENNA STUCKER - January 10, 2018 at 08:45 PM



TOP & VELMA Was our witnesses when we got married. Enjoyed many double dates & Tops Toasted Tuttle I toenail Song HI HI. Sorry Velma & Randy One Great Man your lose but GODS Gain.

BILLY 7 GLENNA STUCKER - January 10, 2018 at 09:02 PM

JC

“ *Jeff Carlton lit a candle in memory of Clifford
"Top" Newton*



Jeff Carlton - January 10, 2018 at 04:10 PM



Jeff I'm so sorry to hear about Top my prayers go out to y'all .

Carol Bryant - January 11, 2018 at 02:03 PM