



Ervin Newman

February 20, 1933 - June 5, 2025

Calvin 'Ervin' Newman, 92, of Lubbock, Texas, died; left this world; went to negotiate his heavenly entrance, passed on 🙏, after an extended illness in the care of his daughters, extended family and caregivers.

Ervin was born on February 20, 1933, in Colorado City, Texas, the youngest of ten children, including six brothers and three sisters, born to George Washington and Sarah Elam Newman. As migrant farmers, the family traveled much of Texas, eventually settling in Barnhart, Texas, before Ervin started school.

Ervin was the valedictorian (out of a class of two) of the 1951 Class of Barnhart High School. Not finding himself suited to continued education, Ervin, who had a number of different jobs from motion picture light boy, gas station attendant, and dishwasher, found work alongside his brothers as a long-haul driver within the continental USA.

However, the US Army drafted Ervin, and he was off to boot camp in 1952, where he shifted from driver to mechanic apprentice. He became a full mechanic before his honorable discharge in 1955, when he resumed long-haul driving.

In 1957, Ervin married Phyllis June Dixon in Barnhart, Texas, having three girls - Ellen, Amy, and Allison - before divorcing in 1974. After the birth of their second daughter, Ervin was accepted into the Texas Highway Patrol in 1968, starting his first assignment in Abilene.

In 1975, Ervin married the love of his life, Lolene Kemp Medley. The addition

of Lolene's four children - sons, George, Otis, Mark, and daughter Mickey - expanded his family. During these years, Ervin moved from the Highway Patrol, to his own mechanic garage, Chief Deputy in Big Lake, Texas, loading sand for Uniman Oil, and finally a ranch caretaker in South Texas. In their 43 years together, Ervin and Lolene were inseparable, sharing and encouraging each other's many interests, living most of their years together in Encinal, Texas. Ervin's interests included tinkering and fixing almost anything, creating detailed leather items, researching genealogy, traveling the country and a life-long love of photography. After Lolene's death in May of 2018, Ervin moved to Lubbock, Texas, to be closer to family. There, he used his love for assembling necklaces, earrings, bolos, and broaches by the thousands as gifts handed out to spread joy and brighten the day of all he came in contact with. Those who remain to cherish Ervin's memory are his daughters, Ellen Newman and Mickey Johnston, and her husband, Allen all of Lubbock, Texas; Amy Murray and her husband Stuart of Christchurch, New Zealand; Allison Bailey and her husband Todd of Round Rock, Texas; and stepsons John Focht of Fort Worth, Texas; George Medley of Florida; Otis Medley of Canon City, Colorado; and Mark Medley of San Angelo, Texas. As well as 18 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great-grandchildren. Preceding Ervin in death are his soulmate, Lolene Kemp Newman; his parents, George Washington and Sarah Elam Newman; his 9 siblings, their spouses, and a wonderful host of nephews and nieces. You are welcome to join the family for a ceremony to celebrate Ervin's life on June 9, 2025 at 11 am at Sanders Memorial Chapel 1420 Main Street Lubbock, TX , officiated by Ervin's family. Interment will be at 3 pm at Roscoe Cemetery in Roscoe, Texas, officiated by Ervin's grandson, Isaac Rankin. Memorial donations in Calvin Ervin Newman's memory may be directed to Wounded Warriors (https://support.woundedwarriorproject.org/Default.aspx?tsid=11585&ovr_acv_id=16821&campaignSource=ONLINE&source=BS25011AAAPMFAA&gad_source=1&gad_campaignid=16393056718&gbrad=0AAAAADg1WjpzqnyxqGnypkuD0Tcazl0jr&gclid=Cj0KCQjwxo_CBhDbARI)

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website Ervin Obituary - Visitation & Funeral Information ([https://www.sandersf
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Find a Grave Calvin Newman ([https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/2837055
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Cemetery Details

Roscoe Cemetery

Roscoe, TX

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JUN 9. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Sanders Memorial Chapel
1420 Main Street
Lubbock, TX 79401

Graveside Service

JUN 9. 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM.

Roscoe Cemetery

Tribute Wall



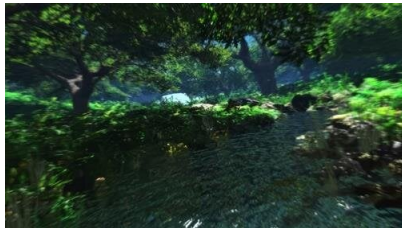
“ Sanders Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Ervin Newman



Sanders Funeral Home - June 09, 2025 at 10:09 AM



“ Sanders Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ervin Newman



Sanders Funeral Home - June 07, 2025 at 07:46 PM



“ Ericka Miller purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ervin Newman.



Ericka Miller - June 10, 2025 at 12:34 PM

“ I have the great privilege of being one of Ervin’s granddaughters. The past few days, I’ve found myself simultaneously so profoundly grateful to have had him for almost 28 years, and so deeply disappointed to not have him for more. I wish more than anything that I could be there as our family lays him to rest today, but I suppose I will just have to say my piece here instead.

Granddaddy was many things, but perhaps more than anything else, he was funny. He loved to laugh and to make other people laugh. He was a jokester and a prankster, and was never afraid to make a scene. I don’t think I’ve ever met anyone less shy than him. He was frequently silly and didn’t take himself too seriously, which brought so much joy, even now looking back on all the funny photos. He was also adventurous and curious, traits he encouraged in us from a young age. He loved to take things apart and figure them out, then put them back together. I never understood how he could do it so well, but I always loved listening to him explain things. My favourite was always his cameras and many lenses, which helped inspire my love for photography. Photos also weren’t his only artistic medium. He worked with leather to not only create useful objects, but make them beautiful. In the last several years, he also took up jewellery making, which he was quite talented at. He made what must have been hundreds of necklaces, which he kept with him to give away to anyone he could. It’s nice to think about how many total strangers he made smile with a little gesture of kindness.

Ervin Newman was a man of great humor, wit, and creativity. He loved loudly and fearlessly. He was a big fan of emojis and used them generously. He was always the life of the party, regardless of whether he was really supposed to be. He was a very special person - more so than I could possibly do justice to here. All I really know is that the world has been a little darker the past few days. I think the best I can do is to take his lessons to heart and take after him a bit more. I’ll try to be a little brighter and a little braver and to live a little louder in his name. I think that’s the kind of legacy he would like.

Goodnight, my beautiful Granddaddy. Thank you for all your love, laughter, and lessons. I promise you I won't ever forget them. I hope wherever you are, you're causing some trouble. I love you always and I'll miss you forever. ❤️❤️❤️

Rachael Murray - June 09, 2025 at 08:52 AM



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Sanders Funeral Home - June 07, 2025 at 04:56 PM



“ *Condolences to the whole family as we mourn together this loss of our patriarch. Ervin was a force and a character. I was grateful to be accepted as a son in law and for the many memories, stories and time spent with him and family in Texas, North Carolina and New Zealand. I will miss his daily good morning and good night messages.*



*Thank you to Ellen for her long term care and company, and grateful Amy and Allison were able to spend time together leading up to his passing.
At peace now.*

Stuart Murray - June 07, 2025 at 04:00 PM

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Ervin was a beautiful soul told me a lot of his lifelong stories and adventures may he RIP

Susie Gonzales - June 07, 2025 at 04:21 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Ervin Newman.*



June 07, 2025 at 11:46 AM

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“ *I will miss so many things about you granddaddy. Like how you brought me a gift every time you came to my house, whether it was fruit cups well into my late 30s, knives you stole from restaurants, handmade jewelry, leather coasters, jugs, anything and everything. The list goes on. I am going to miss your advice which was so simple but always on point. Basically it's not that heavy keep it moving. I will also have you know if I didn't like you, he didn't either. I am going to miss how you genuinely loved who I was. I am going to miss your morning and evening messages. I am going to miss when you hugged me and would say wait I'm not done yet. But most of all I am going to miss when I would say "Bye I love you granddaddy" and you would point that old bony finger at me and say "I love you too kid"*

Granddaddy you were one of a kind and it's going to be weird for a little while, but "I love you too kid"

Sarah Barnhill - June 07, 2025 at 10:20 AM