



## Michael Wayne Newkirk

December 12, 1952 - December 25, 2024

Michael Wayne Newkirk, a loving husband, father, grandfather, and friend, passed peacefully from this life on Christmas Day, December 25, 2024, at his home in Judsonia, Arkansas. He was 72 years old.

Born December 12, 1952, in McCrory, Arkansas, to Martin Wayne Newkirk and Frances Aline Eden, Michael lived a life defined by hard work, unwavering family devotion, and genuine friendships. He is survived by his beloved wife of 52 years, Marsha (Moody) Newkirk; his daughters, Alison (Lance) Oakes, Brittany (Nicholas) Berkshire, and Cassie (Evan) Butler; and his cherished grandchildren, Simon Oakes, Carlen Bates, Guinevere Butler, and Norah Butler. He is also survived by his sister, Connie Newkirk.

Michael built a successful career in construction and the oil and gas industry, working for Spurlock, Chesapeake, and BHP Billiton. He took immense pride in his work ethic and the many friendships forged throughout his career. He will be remembered fondly for his integrity and dedication, especially by lifelong friends Terry Davis, James Martin, Jr Sliter and Mitchell Spurlock. Beyond his professional accomplishments, Michael's greatest pride resided in his family. He was a devoted husband and father, showering his daughters with unconditional love and support. He reveled in the joys of grandparenthood, cherishing every moment spent with his grandchildren. Michael's memory will live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved him. He will be deeply missed for his loyalty, strength and the enduring legacy of love he leaves behind.

A special thank you to the nurses and staff at Arkansas Hospice for their kindness and care.

A memorial service celebrating Michael's life will be held on Saturday, February 22, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. at the Judsonia Community Center. Arrangements entrusted to Powell Funeral Home of Bald Knob-Judsonia.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

FEB **22**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Judsonia Community Center  
Judson Avenue & 6th Street  
Judsonia, AR 72081

# Tribute Wall

RE

“ Rachel & Elizabeth purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Michael Wayne Newkirk.



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**Rachel & Elizabeth** - February 21, 2025 at 01:19 PM

MD

“ Margaret Davis lit a candle in memory of Michael Wayne Newkirk



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**Margaret Davis** - February 21, 2025 at 06:22 AM

DR

“ Debbie Roberts lit a candle in memory of Michael Wayne Newkirk



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**Debbie Roberts** - February 18, 2025 at 07:55 PM

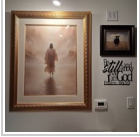
DR

“ Continued prayers for you and the girls. So sorry you and your family are having to deal with the loss of such a special loved one.



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**Debbie Roberts** - February 18, 2025 at 07:54 PM



“ *Connie, am so sorry for the death of Michael. David Stair spoke often and kind of his friend Mike. God Bless you and all of his family. I know he will be missed.*

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**Paulette Poe** - February 17, 2025 at 08:26 PM

BD

“ *May God Bless you and your family and comfort you in the days to come.*

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**Brenda Heard Davidson** - February 17, 2025 at 05:14 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Michael Wayne Newkirk.*

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January 27, 2025 at 02:22 PM

TK

“ *Tommy K. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael Wayne Newkirk.*

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**Tommy K.** - January 21, 2025 at 12:51 PM

BJ

“ *Marsha you may not remember me but I remember Mike as having a warm greeting and a friendly smile. May his God smile upon him An old friend Bill Jeffery. johnbilljeffery@gmail.com*

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**Bill Jeffery** - January 03, 2025 at 04:02 PM

FO

“*Connie, I'm so very sorry to see this. One thing I remember is how close your family always was. My Prayers are with each of you.*



Fonda - December 29, 2024 at 08:16 PM

MD

“*My sincere condolences and love to your precious family.* ❤️



Margaret Davis - December 29, 2024 at 07:30 PM

TM

“*Marsha, sending my prayers for comfort to you & yours. So very sorry for your loss.* 🙏



Terri Wallace Miller - December 29, 2024 at 07:09 PM

RG

“*Marsha I am so sorry for the loss of your dear loved one. I will be praying for you and all your family. May God comfort you all. God Bless you always.*  
*Rita (Gordon)Glass*



Rita Glass - December 29, 2024 at 04:16 PM

BD

“ *Marsha,,,,,May God Bless you and your family and comfort you in the days to come*

**Brenda Heard Davidson** - December 29, 2024 at 02:20 PM

JC

“ *Marsha, so sorry to hear of Mike's passing. You and the family are in my thoughts and prayers.*



**Janice Collins** - December 29, 2024 at 01:45 PM

LP

“ *I am sorry for your loss. Prayers, for all the family. Linda Kay*



**Linda K Pearson** - December 29, 2024 at 09:41 AM

KF

“ *Marsha and girls I'm so sorry to hear of Mikes passing. My prayers are with you'll at this time, 🙏🙏*

**Karen Folk** - December 28, 2024 at 11:33 AM

MB

*Marsha, I am so sorry that you have lost Michael, prayers for peace and strength to you and the family.*

**Mary Osmon Bilan** - December 31, 2024 at 01:53 PM



*Continued prayers for you and the girls. So sorry you and your family are having to deal with the loss of such a special loved one. ❤️🙏🙏*

**Debbie (Hattabaugh)!Roberts** - February 18, 2025 at 07:48 PM