



Brother Gordon Lee Newsome Sr.

September 22, 1949 - October 29, 2025

Gordon Lee Newsome Sr., age 76, of Jackson, Tennessee, passed away peacefully at his home on October 29, 2025. He was born on September 22, 1949, in Somerville, Tennessee, to the late Joe and Elizabeth Newsome of Bolivar.

He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, minister, and friend to all who knew him. Affectionately known as "Pal" since childhood, he truly never met a stranger and carried a warm and humble spirit that touched everyone he encountered. His humility and kindness reflected his deep faith and lifelong commitment to serving others.

He attended Bethlehem Elementary School in Bolivar and graduated from Bolivar Central High School in 1970. He went on to earn an Associate of Arts degree from Freed-Hardeman University in 1972 and a Bachelor of Science degree from the same institution in 1976.

He began preaching in October 1971, answering a lifelong calling to serve God and his community. He spent two years as a missionary in the Ivory Coast, French West Africa, studying French in Paris and at the University of Abidjan. He later returned to Africa in 1976 to campaign for Christ. Over the years, he worked with several congregations before serving faithfully for 30 years as a ministering evangelist at the East Jackson Church of Christ.

In addition to his ministry, Gordon dedicated his life to helping others through his work with adults with special needs at the Western Mental Health Institute, the Nat T. Winston Developmental Center, the Hardeman County Developmental Center, and the Arlington Developmental Center.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Joe Sr. and Elizabeth Newsome, and three brothers, James Newsome, Joe Newsome Jr., and Randy Newsome.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 46 years, Mary J. Newsome; his sons, Gordon

Newsome Jr., Brent Newsome (Giduka), and Joshua Newsome; his stepmother, Rhoda Newsome; his sisters and brothers Dorothy Greene (Robert), Charles Newsome, Robert Newsome (Eloise), Dennis Newsome (Deborah), Don Newsome, Michael Newsome (Delois), Tina Newsome, and Lois Harris (Fredell); ten grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Gordon's life was one of faith, humility, service, and love. He touched countless lives through his ministry and compassion, leaving behind a lasting legacy of devotion to God and to the people he so faithfully served. "Well done, good and faithful servant..... enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." — Matthew

25:21

Cemetery Details

Ridgecrest Cemetery

200 Ridgecrest Road
Jackson, TN 38301

Previous Events

Family Hour

NOV 2. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Stephenson-Shaw Funeral Home, Inc.
807 N. Hays Avenue
Jackson, TN 38301
(731) 427-7411
info@stephenson-shaw.com
<https://www.stephenson-shaw.com>

Visitation

NOV 3. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

East Jackson Church of Christ
1461 East Chester Street
Jackson, TN 38301

Celebration of Life

NOV 3. 12:00 PM (CT)

East Jackson Church of Christ
1461 East Chester Street
Jackson, TN 38301

Tribute Wall



“ I will always remember Bro. Newsome as a gentle Giant! I enjoyed working and worshipping with him. Rest in Peace. You have fought Well.

Stronda Parker - November 03, 2025 at 11:31 AM

GD

“ Brother Newsome worked with the Church of Christ for awhile. He was always a positive thinking Christian. My condolences to Mary and family for your loss. To Gordon, a job well done. He is forever in the Mighty hands of God.

George T. Dotson - November 02, 2025 at 09:30 PM

SJ

“ Praying for you all 🙏🙏




Sharon Jones - November 02, 2025 at 02:33 PM

AL

“ RIP our friend Gordon. Prayers for your family. Love, Annette and Larry Lowrance



Annette Lowrance - November 02, 2025 at 10:53 AM

 Sylvia Arn

“ Sylvia Arn lit a candle in memory of Gordon Newsome



Sylvia Arn - November 02, 2025 at 12:28 AM

JC

“ Precious memories of Brother Newsome, Truly an Ambassador for Christ, will Always remain in Our Hearts. I Fondly remember His Genuine love for others (assisting, listening, advising, sharing resources and experiences) and His Zeal for sharing The Gospel as His Beacon...His Shining Light. Julia Cotton 🙏💖



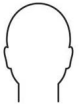
Shining Light. Julia Cotton

Julia V Cotton - October 31, 2025 at 09:16 PM

SK

“ We were friends in high school and graduated together. Deepest Sorrow. 🙏🙏🙏

Stuart King - October 31, 2025 at 04:32 PM



“ Bruce and Gayle Morgan



Jam Mor - October 31, 2025 at 04:25 PM

PS

“ Phyllis Staten lit a candle in memory of Gordon Newsome



Phyllis Staten - October 31, 2025 at 03:05 AM

WB

“ Most warm compassionate person ever. Down to earth he will forever live in our hearts. He will be missed

Wanda Bray Brooks - October 30, 2025 at 09:03 PM

CF

“ *Cockrell Family lit a candle in memory of Gordon Newsome*



Cockrell Family - October 30, 2025 at 08:08 PM

AM

“ *Our heartfelt condolences to you and your family during this difficult time.*

Richard and Alethea McClain



Alethea and Richard McClain - October 30, 2025 at 03:10 PM

DJ

“ *Brother Gordon Newsome was at EJCOC when I was added in 2012, always so kind and was one who reached out to you in a time of need, my time of need was when my mother passed in February 2015, way before her passing, she expressed her love of the church to me and had been watching it on the tv ministry, Brother Newsome was at church when I called, I did not know what to do he said, "Sister Jean you can not do this all alone," it was not 5 minutes he was at the funeral with the papers I would need and the whole nine yards, this was so exceptional and loving to me, he was so soft spoken from his heart, Sister Mary and family, he had done all God had asked of him now it is time for him to rest, God knows when his servant needs to rest, and this is his day and time from God, he has "fought a good fight" he has gained his wings with dignity, honor I truly loved him and I know others did too, Sister @Mary Newsome take you deserved rest God is with you my friend, take care love you Sister Jean Morris 🙏*



Delois J.Morris - October 29, 2025 at 09:44 PM

DJ

“ *Delois J.Morris lit a candle in memory of Gordon Newsome*



Delois J.Morris - October 29, 2025 at 09:29 PM

WR

“ Gordon was always a great man as well as a cherished friend to me and so many others. He suffered for the past few years but put up a great fight. He was known for never giving up on anything in life. He will be missed by all his friends and classmates. RIP Gordon my great friend. My prayers will be for your loving family

Wayne Russell - October 29, 2025 at 08:32 PM



“ Bro. Newsome will definitely be remembered as a man of God who lived as the Lord intended. Growing up at East Jackson with him as my preacher were some of my best memories in the church. My prayers and condolences go out to Sis. Mary Newsome, Gordon, Brent, and Josh. You all have my love.



Melanie Coates - October 29, 2025 at 05:41 PM

JM

“ I had the distinct pleasure of being in his presence every day for three short years for we were co-ministers 1990-1993. He was a man of distinct Christian character who dearly and deeply loved his God, wife and boys. May God keep raising up men of his caliber.

John Davis Marshall - October 29, 2025 at 03:55 PM

MM

“ Marion Rogers- McCurry lit a candle in memory of Gordon Newsome



Marion Rogers- McCurry - October 29, 2025 at 12:40 PM