



Mrs. Velma Jean Newsome

July 16, 2012

NEWSOME, Velma Jean, 68, of Plant City, Florida, passed away at her home on July 16, 2012. She was born on February 19, 1944 in Tampa, Florida to the late Steve and Obera Simmons, and she was a member of the First Baptist Church of Plant City. She was a loving wife, mother, and grandmother. She is survived by her loving husband of 49 years Joe Newsome; children Dee Parker and her husband Kenneth, Katie Varnum and her husband Scott, and Dr. Dennis Newsome and his wife Melissa; sisters Marvella Harrell, Dell Ritter, and Joann Woods; 8 grandchildren; and many loving cousins, nieces, nephews, family and friends. A Celebration of Life will be held on Thursday, July 19 at 7:00 P.M. at First Baptist Church of Plant City, 503 N. Palmer Street, Plant City, where the family will receive friends beginning at 5:00 P.M. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Steppin' Stone Farm, 8421 Pritcher Road, Lithia, Florida 33547, and/or LifePath Hospice, 12973 Telecom Parkway, Suite 100, Temple Terrace, Florida 33637. Expressions of condolence at www.hopewellfuneral.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 19. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church Plant City
3309 James L Redman Pkwy
Plant City, FL 33566
<http://fbcpc.com>

Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall

DM

“ Joe, Dee, Katie, and Dennis,
I just heard about Velma's passing. She was a very special lady whom I loved and respected very much. My heart goes out to you and your families. Please know we love you, and you are all in our thoughts and prayers. Melissa, Cricket and Bryan send their love and condolences, too.

Love,
Diane D. Martin

Diane D. Martin - July 20, 2012 at 03:43 PM



“ Rena Yates lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Velma Jean Newsome



Rena Yates - July 20, 2012 at 10:05 AM

SD

“ Stacy & Jeff Dunn lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Velma Jean Newsome



Stacy & Jeff Dunn - July 19, 2012 at 07:58 PM

SD

Joe, Dee, Katie, Dennis and the rest of the family, our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. We are so sorry for your loss. Mrs. Velma was a very special lady. Jeff & Stacy Dunn

Stacy & Jeff Dunn - July 19, 2012 at 08:11 PM

FO

“ Sincere condolences to Joe, Dee, Katie, Dennis and grandchildren. Velma was with us a short time but positively impacted more lives than can be counted. She will never be forgotten. May God bless you all and bring you solace.



Frank and Shirley Outen - July 19, 2012 at 01:05 PM



“ Dee, My love and prayers are with you and your family.

Glenn Polk - July 18, 2012 at 07:07 PM

TA

“ We will miss Velma deeply. Like you we will long for her Christian compassion, wisdom and love. We turned to Paul's Letter To The Philippians 1:23.



"For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better:"

It was as if Paul's words were from Velma's heart, but unlike Paul her work here was done.

*In Christian Love,
Tom and Sharon Ascherman*

Tom & Sharon Ascherman - July 18, 2012 at 06:14 PM

PW

“ *Patricia Anderson Wolfe lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Velma Jean Newsome*



Patricia Anderson Wolfe - July 18, 2012 at 11:10 AM

JR

“ *Joe, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I praise the Lord for His nearness to you and pray you take comfort in the knowledge that there will be a precious reunion one special day when the two of you will be in His presence together.*

*Love,
Joy Rampello*

Joy Rampello - July 18, 2012 at 10:03 AM



“ *I remember Velma very well. We went to Bethany Baptist Church together, along with the Newsome family. I was at her and Joe's wedding--all those years ago. I always enjoyed hearing her play and know that she is making music in heaven now. My thoughts and prayers to Joe and the family.*

Gayle Stamps-Moore

Leta Moore - July 18, 2012 at 08:57 AM



“ *Leta Moore lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Velma Jean Newsome*



Leta Moore - July 18, 2012 at 08:52 AM



“ *Kim Barkley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Velma Jean Newsome*



Kim Barkley - July 18, 2012 at 08:26 AM



“ *My thoughts and Prayers go out to all the Newsome Family... I went to school with Katie and realize what a good Mother Mrs. Velma was by the woman her Daughter Katie turned out to be .. She may of left behind many different legacy's, but I suspect the one legacy she was the most proud of was being a Mother/Mentor to her Children..Mr.Joe , Thank You for your service to the community and please know that we are Praying for you guys for strength in the time of sorrow.... God Bless*



Rev. Victor F.Seder - July 17, 2012 at 11:22 PM



Rev. Victor F. Seder

Rev. Victor F.Seder - July 17, 2012 at 11:23 PM

LA

Rev. Vic-You have captured every thought and wish about this family we all love. Katie and Dee my heart breaks for you and your entire family. Mr. Joe, you and Ms. Velma raised a wonderful family and our community received so many blessings through your example of integrity. Thinking of you all now and pray the days ahead will be filled with many wonderful memories....All Our Love--LaVerne Dibble Anderson

LaVerne Dibble Anderson - July 18, 2012 at 12:40 AM

KL

“ Velma was truly an inspiration to me and I will miss her so much. She was such a role model for me as i was growing up and I am for thankful for the influence she had on my life. I remember sitting behind her at Bethany and watching her play the piano. I wanted to be just like her when I grew up. I love all of the Newsome family and am praying for all of you during this difficult time. Heaven is a sweeter place now that Velma is there walking on the streets of gold.

Kathy Arrington Lane - July 17, 2012 at 08:04 PM



“ Phyllis Deagan lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Velma Jean Newsome



Phyllis Deagan - July 17, 2012 at 07:56 PM



“ lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Velma Jean Newsome



July 17, 2012 at 07:23 PM



“ lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Velma Jean Newsome



July 17, 2012 at 05:35 PM



“ lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Velma Jean Newsome



July 17, 2012 at 05:29 PM



Prayers for the family , such a sweet dear lady. Diane Howell King

Diane Howell King - July 17, 2012 at 07:14 PM



Diane Howell King

Diane Howell King - July 17, 2012 at 07:15 PM

ED

We send our love and prayers to you all. Velma Jean was a true southern lady. May God's peace surround you during these difficult days. Gene & Elinor Dickey

Elinor Dickey - July 17, 2012 at 08:33 PM

DV

So sorry for the loss your wife joe, and the mother of the Dee, Katie And Dennis. Only got to talk with her a few times but it was always about you children. Our prayers are with you.

Donald & Juanita Vaughan North Carolina

Donald & Juanita Vaughan - July 20, 2012 at 08:42 AM

LF

“ Velma was such a lovely Christian lady, My deepest sympathy to Joe and family.. I remember working with Velma in Bible School. She will missed, Love, Lynda Fuller and Family



Lynda Rogers Fuller - July 17, 2012 at 04:41 PM

RF

“ Roxanne Fulwood sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Velma Jean Newsome



Roxanne Fulwood - July 17, 2012 at 01:41 PM

RF

Mr. Joe, Dee, Katie & Family, so sorry to hear of Ms. Velma's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all today and in the weeks to come. Oh what joy and peace in knowing she is whole and in the arms of Jesus and you all will be singing with her again one day!

J.W. & Roxanne Fulwood

Roxanne Fulwood - July 17, 2012 at 01:51 PM

EL

“ *The beauty of Ms. Velma was that all of our stories are different. She was able to meet you at your need and do or say just the right thing. Introducing 4 military brats to tomato sandwiches or quietly paying for wedding flowers, she met the need where it was and didn't want any credit. Her spirit of love and her Christian walk will live in all of our hearts.*

Elizabeth Niswanger Lane

Elizabeth Lane - July 17, 2012 at 12:18 PM

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MS

“ *Marjean Schulte sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Velma Jean Newsome*



Marjean Schulte - July 17, 2012 at 10:54 AM

MS

Many memories of our tour with First Foundation Singers to Texas. She was a great individual and a super lady. My heart goes out to the family.

Marjean Schulte - July 17, 2012 at 10:56 AM

AO

“ *April Owen Ohnstad lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Velma Jean Newsome*



April Owen Ohnstad - July 17, 2012 at 10:41 AM



I'm sorry to hear about the lost of dear sweet Christain lady like Mrs. Velma, she was a very special lady.I worked Vacation bible and sunday's.She was helpful and had a wonderful smile. MY heart goes out to Mr.Joe, Dee ,Katy and Dennis Newsome. To allher friends family.Your friend 'Larry, Linda Goff Family

July 17, 2012 at 05:26 PM

GS

“ Gerald & Barbara Sellers sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Velma Jean Newsome



Gerald & Barbara Sellers - July 17, 2012 at 10:03 AM

RS

“ I am so sorry to hear this news..My family will keep you all in our prayers. God Bless You and Your Family through this difficult time.



Cliston and Rita Sumner

Rita Sumner - July 17, 2012 at 09:38 AM



“ To Mr. Newsome, Dee, Kay, Dennis and family: I remember Mrs. Newsome as a loving gracious lady. Being that we just lost my mom on May 5, 2012, I know that pain of loss, but the knowledge that she is in a better place and complete again. I pray for the Lord to comfort and hold you as you get through this week and in the future.
Lorain Henderson Kennedy

Lorain Kennedy - July 17, 2012 at 08:56 AM

JN

“ JoAnn Linton Neely lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Velma Jean Newsome



JoAnn Linton Neely - July 17, 2012 at 08:36 AM

JN

“ *A true Southern Lady in all the sense of the word ... she will be greatly missed.....*

JoAnn Neely and Family

JoAnn Linton Neely - July 17, 2012 at 08:35 AM

MG

“ *Mr. Joe, Dee, Katie, Dennis, words can't express how much your family has always meant to me. Mrs. Velma will always have a very important, special place in my heart. My heart mourns with you today and I know how much you will miss her. I also know that through the sadness, you are also rejoicing knowing for sure that she is with our heavenly father. I will be lifting your family up in prayer over this next year. God bless you all, Monica Brock Guynn*

Monica Brock Guynn - July 17, 2012 at 08:31 AM

RD

“ *Ron & Norma Drawdy lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Velma Jean Newsome*



Ron & Norma Drawdy - July 17, 2012 at 08:22 AM

AC

“ I am grateful to have had the opportunity to know sweet Ms. Velma and gain so much from her influence and example of what a good, loving and gentle lady is. I was always amazed at how she could reach her small hands all over the keys and produce such beautiful music. The song in her heart and smile on her face will live in the hearts of her family and many friends forever. Thank you for all the precious memories, Ms. Velma. Much love to you, Mr. Joe, Dee, Katie and Dennis and all the family. Love, Amer and Little Ben.

Amy Lynn Carpenter - July 17, 2012 at 08:05 AM

CB

“ Carol And Tommy Brock lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Velma Jean Newsome



Carol and Tommy Brock - July 17, 2012 at 07:51 AM

CB

Velma was a very special wife, mother, and grandmother. She was also a very special lady to our daughter Monica and we are so happy she was in her life.

Carol and Tommy Brock - July 17, 2012 at 07:58 AM

SP

“ Steve And Kathy Paul lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Velma Jean Newsome



Steve and Kathy Paul - July 16, 2012 at 10:56 PM



“ *RALPH & MYRA HOUGH lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Velma Jean Newsome*



RALPH & MYRA HOUGH - July 16, 2012 at 10:39 PM

DS

“ *Donnette Staton lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Velma Jean Newsome*



Donnette Staton - July 16, 2012 at 09:57 PM

RA

“ *Ruby and I were forever blessed to have been close friends with Joe and Velma and our families. We have many wonderful memories of the good times when we camped and explored the Coral Reefs in the Keys. Velma was a special role model to our daughter for which we are garteful. She was a wonderful lady who loved the Lord and gave him credit for her life. May God bless the Newsome family as you miss Velma in your ives for awhile. We shall see her again in Heaven. Prverbs 3:5-7*
Ray and Ruby Arrington

Ray and Ruby Arrington - July 16, 2012 at 09:55 PM

DT

“ I was so sorry to hear about Velma's passing. Not for her, as she is with our Lord and Savior, but for me. The last time I saw her was at the clinic with Joe pushing her wheelchair. And yes she was still smiling that big smile of hers. We grew up together, went to school together, went to church together and sang together along with Nancy, Bonnie and Martha. The five of us had a lot of great memories. Although I didn't see her very much, I thought of her often. None of us knew the road that we would travel, and that road was sometimes a very painful one. But God was who we looked to everyday, and our hope in Jesus and His love for us always got us through. I will see Velma again one day when I too will be called home to Glory, and we will sing praises together around the throne of God! To Joe and the family you are in my prayers!!

Diane Combee Tate

Diane Combee Tate - July 16, 2012 at 09:44 PM

SL

“ Miss Velma's smile started in her heart and grew to her face. She was a woman filled with love and easily shared it with everyone she met. You couldn't know her and not love her. Her dedication to God and family was foremost in her life. For such a tiny lady, she sure leaves a big hole. Till we meet again, Miss Velma.

Susie Maggard Lawrence - July 16, 2012 at 09:03 PM

PB

“ Patti Britt-Walker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Velma Jean Newsome



Patti Britt-Walker - July 16, 2012 at 08:23 PM

SK

“ *Sally Carson Kimmel lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Velma Jean Newsome*



Sally Carson Kimmel - July 16, 2012 at 08:17 PM

SK

My most precious memories of Ms. Velma was listening to her ,Chuck,& Barbara and all playing the piano and singing gospel music like there was no tomorrow. She always had the most sweetest smile on her face. My heart prayers and love go out to all!

Sally Carson Kimmel - July 16, 2012 at 08:23 PM

JC

“ *Jim & Sara Cross lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Velma Jean Newsome*



Jim & Sara Cross - July 16, 2012 at 08:15 PM

MP

“ *Our thoughts and prayers to all the family and friends of Velma. Her kind and caring heart is her legacy. God bless you all. Billy & Marsha Passmore*

Marsha Passmore - July 16, 2012 at 08:09 PM

JH

“ *Jennifer Wetherington Hess lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Velma Jean Newsome*



Jennifer Wetherington Hess - July 16, 2012 at 07:55 PM

JM

“ *Jessica McDonald lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Velma Jean Newsome*



Jessica McDonald - July 16, 2012 at 07:50 PM

BR

“ *Bobby & Sally Raburn lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Velma Jean Newsome*



Bobby & Sally Raburn - July 16, 2012 at 07:43 PM

BR

We send our heart-felt condolences to the entire family.

Bobby & Sally Raburn - July 16, 2012 at 07:45 PM