



Redmond C. 'Red' Newell

December 16, 1927 - April 22, 2020

Albany-Redmond Newell, “Red”, 92 passed away peacefully at his home, surrounded by his loving family on April 22, 2020. Born in Curracugheen, Headford, County Galway, Ireland, he was the son of the late Thomas and Nora (Brett) Newell, and beloved husband of 65 years to the late Mary T. (Hanlon) Newell.

Beloved father of Maira Newell, Thomas Newell, Patricia Newell, Teresa Newell and the late Barbara Newell; treasured grandfather of Molly Newell and Sean Newell; survived by many nieces, nephews, grandnieces, and grandnephews. Red was one of nine siblings: Fr. Hubert Newell (deceased); Fr. Martin Newell; Jack Newell (deceased); Thomas Newell (deceased); Sr. Kathleen Newell; Sr. Naula Newell (deceased); Teresa Burke (deceased) and Mary Finnegan (deceased).

Red, with his sister Teresa, came to the United States by way of a seven day boat ride on the M.V. “Britannic”. They arrived in New York City on June 11, 1949. Red was 21 years of age. He received his Certificate of Naturalization on June 15, 1954.

He served in the Army during the Korean War and was stationed in Germany working in the Anti-Aircraft Artillery Unit. Some of Red’s first jobs in the U.S. were working at the Port of Albany, Wm’s Press, and the A+P. He joined the Plumbers and Steamfitters Local No.7 where he became a plumber, officer, and teacher. He was a member of Local 7 for 67 years. Red was well-respected as a hard-working, honest Irishman. Anyone who knew him only had words of praise. His work ethic was surpassed by none.

Red had a great love for sports and was known as one of the best soccer goalies around. He played on several championship leagues (Albany Athletic Club). When he retired to took up golf, which gave him great joy. He played on several leagues (Dubbers and Old

School). Red also coached boys little league at Westland Hills. He shared his love for sports with his children and neighborhood kids. He even built a basketball court in his backyard. Red enjoyed teaching kids how to hit a baseball, shoot hoops, and play soccer. It was not unusual for the backyard to be full of kids ready to play whatever sport/activity Red had instore for them.

Red volunteered for 25 years at the Albany VA Hospital where he drove vets to and from appointments. He also volunteered at the Albany Food Bank and Tunnels to Towers Foundation. As a parishioner of Blessed Sacrament Church, Red was always ready to construct booths for the annual bazaar. He also volunteered at the Church's food pantry.

Red was a member of the Holy Names Society and American Legion Joseph E. Zaloga Post 1520. He enjoyed Friday morning gatherings with the TGIV group (Thank God It's Veterans) at the Gateway Diner. With this group he volunteered to mend fences at Little Brook Rescue Horse Farm in Old Chatham.

Red was known as a man of few words with a compassionate heart. Anyone who knew him will have their own special memories of this amazing, kind-hearted man.

The family would like to extend their thanks and gratitude to Dr. Adam Lammlly and staff, Dr. Garbo and staff at New York Oncology and Hematology, and Community Hospice.

Due to COVID-19 – funeral service will be held privately, with the Rite of Committal to be held in St. Agnes Cemetery, Menands.

In lieu of flowers, those wishing to remember Redmond in a special way may send a contribution to the Food Pantry at Blessed Sacrament Church, 607 Central Avenue, Albany NY 12206 or Community Hospice.

To leave a message for the family please visit www.McveighFuneralHome.com

Cemetery

St. Agnes Cemetery

48 Cemetery Ave

Menands, NY,

Comments



“ To Maira, Tom, Patti, Teresa

I am so sorry to learn of your father's passing. My deepest condolences to all of you.

Keith and Lisa Wright

Keith J Wright - May 01, 2020 at 12:36 PM



“ To Maira, Tom, Patty, and Terri,

So sorry to hear of your father's passing. It is never easy to lose a loved one. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Sincerely,

Mike and Bill McTague

Mike McTague - May 01, 2020 at 10:04 AM



“ Red, you were a friend and always polite. I will not forget you and your Christmas story during your Army Service. The story will be published many times in the future. You were a hard worker and always treated people well. You are missed and may God Bless You, see you in the next life. Your Friend Frank DeSorbo

Frank DeSorbo - April 29, 2020 at 09:49 AM



“ Red and I always sought each other out on Friday morning for breakfast we talked about our careers our love of golf and our love of life.

Jack Bazydlo - April 28, 2020 at 12:15 PM



“ To Maira, Tommy, Patty and Terry,

I was so very sorry to hear about Uncle Redmond's passing. He lived a long and exemplary life with far more and greater accomplishments than I had ever realized. To me, though, his greatest feature was that he was one of the most kind and gentle human beings I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. He was the total embodiment of the term "gentleman".

One of the most memorable times of my life was when I went to work at GE, and Uncle Redmond, Aunt Mary and you all made me feel so at home and not just an overwhelmed kid fresh off the boat! He and Aunt Mary went to such lengths to find interesting things for me to do including a visit to the hydroelectric plant he had helped to build to show me the GE turbines!

I cannot believe that they are now both gone within such a short time of each other. But what an amazing achievement to have spent 65 years together – truly long, well-lived lives worth celebrating.

To paraphrase Hamlet, he was a man for all that, we shall not soon look upon his likes again. Or, as Gaeilge - Ní bheidh a leithéid ann arís!

Ed and Martina.

(As requested, in lieu of flowers we have sent a donation to the Food Pantry at Blessed Sacrament Church - what a worthy cause you have chosen for those sad and difficult times)



Martina - April 28, 2020 at 08:16 AM



“ Tommy and family, Sorry for your loss. Always called Red MR. Newell. Out of great respect, He will be missed,

Tom Fine - April 27, 2020 at 04:49 PM



“ Red was one of the guys you wanted to know at the Gateway Diner. Always had a smile and a story to tell. He will be missed by all. God rest his soul.

Jim Bailey - April 27, 2020 at 03:46 PM



“ Tommy and all the Newell family, I was very saddened to hear of Red's passing. I enjoyed our rounds of golf in the Old School league and was amazed that he would walk both the front and back nines, carrying that metal frame golf carrier. Red impressed me with his sense of humor and that sparkle in his eyes when he was giving you some ribbing. His smile and laugh were infectious. Most of all he impressed me as just a class act all around. He will be missed.

Bill Neumann

Bill Neumann - April 27, 2020 at 03:25 PM



“ Sorry for your loss Tom my prayers are with you and your family. Cindy Rankin

cindy rankin - April 26, 2020 at 07:28 PM



“ Tom I'm sorry to hear about your Father he was a great man and I had many of laugh playing golf with him. Jack Ray

Jack Ray - April 26, 2020 at 01:21 PM



“ Red was a volunteer driver when I was the Volunteer Manager at the Stratton VA Medical Center. Always smiling, always ready to help the veterans and a pleasure to work with and know. I was so blessed to know "the best of the best" at the VA and he definitely was one of them. My condolences to his family and friends.

Karen Covey

Karen Covey - April 26, 2020 at 09:05 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Redmond C. 'Red' Newell.



April 25, 2020 at 02:01 PM



“ To Tom and the rest of the Newell family...
We were truly saddened to hear of your father's passing. I was honored to have known him. Mary and I send our deep condolences. He must be in the fairways of Heaven now.
I am remembering him as the champion "closest to the pin" man that he was.
Neil and Mary Dugan

Neil Dugan - April 25, 2020 at 12:45 PM



“ To tom and terri and patti we are sorry for your loss your father was a good man he was always good to us kids in the neighborhood the world lost a good man love joanne and nick

Nicholas t bauer - April 25, 2020 at 08:49 AM



“ We a very sorry for you loss. He was a great Father and Husband but also a great Irish Man! Tom and Jan Rourke



Thomas Rourke - April 25, 2020 at 07:19 AM



“ To Terri and family,
We're so sorry for your loss. Your dad was a lovely man. We look forward to the time when we can give you a comforting embrace. With love from the Napierski family.

Thomas Napierski - April 24, 2020 at 11:37 AM



“ Red was a good guy to everyone who knew him. I enjoyed playing golf with him in the Dubbers League. Since he was a Yankee and golf fan he is now playing with Babe Ruth, Joe DiMaggio and Mickey Mantle and playing golf with the Lord and giving all gimmies. Miss him. Vince Trichilo

Vince Trichilo - April 28, 2020 at 01:30 PM