



John S. Newlin

March 26, 1929 - April 6, 2025

John S. Newlin, 96, of Bloomington, Indiana, passed away peacefully on April 6th, 2025, surrounded by his loving family. Born on March 26, 1929, in Paoli, Indiana, John was one of seven siblings and the son of Alves Newlin and Iva Irene (Eikelberger) Newlin. He lived a long, full life grounded in humility, hard work, and deep love for those around him.

He was married to the love of his life, Joan (Hacker) Newlin, on May 14, 1948. They shared 71 wonderful years of marriage until her passing in 2019.

Together, they built a legacy of faith, family, and hospitality that spanned generations.

John proudly served his country in the United States Army, carrying the values of dedication and quiet strength throughout his life.

John's first job was at Showers Brothers Furniture Company, where he began developing the reputation for reliability and quiet diligence that he carried with him for the rest of his life. He later worked for many years at Hays Food Mart and on the Hays family farm, and eventually at Assembly Hall at Indiana University during the coaching era of Bobby Knight—an experience he treasured as a lifelong Hoosiers fan.

Outside of work, John enjoyed the simple pleasures of life, especially gardening, where he found peace and purpose in tending to the land just as he had throughout his career.

John was preceded in death by his wife Joan; his children Betty (David) Spears, John A. (Sharon) Newlin, and Sherry Newlin; his parents; and his

siblings.

He is survived by his grandchildren Stacy (Gary) Bland, Cindy Rogers (Rob Bastin), Janel (Matt) Balla, and Brian (Christina) Newlin; great-grandchildren Cody (Allie) Bland, Kari (Tanner) Taylor, DJ Dixon (Bailey Boruff), Ethan Rogers, Presley Roll, Isaac Newlin, Caitlin Newlin, and Jaden Newlin; and great-great-grandchildren Cash Dixon, Reese Dixon, Jenna Bland, and Hudson Taylor.

John will be remembered for his calm presence, strong work ethic, quiet sense of humor, and his unwavering love for his family. Whether working in the fields, behind the counter, or court-side at Assembly Hall, he served others with dignity and grace.

A funeral service will be held at 1:00PM Friday afternoon, April 11, 2025 at Allen Funeral Home and Crematory, located at 4155 S. Old State Road 37, Bloomington, IN 47401. Pastor Joe Nelson will officiate. Burial will follow at Clear Creek Cemetery in Bloomington, Indiana. Visitation will be held from 11:00AM until the time of service at 1:00PM.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Sanders Pentecostal Church, located at 6490 S. Fairfax Rd., Bloomington, IN 47401 and online condolences, photos and memories may be shared with family and friends at www.allencares.com

Cemetery Details

Clear Creek Cemetery

W Church Lane
Bloomington, IN 47403

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 11. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory
4155 S. Old State Road 37
Bloomington, IN 47401
(812) 824-5905
<http://www.allencares.com>

Funeral Service

APR 11. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Uncle John

I wasn't told or I would have been definitely 100 been at your service . I love you an I'll miss our talks on your porch !

You always said "Lilbit I wonder why I've out lived my kids an my Jo "

I d tell you "I don't know uncle John all I know is I'll see my boys one day an you will see all yours "

Love you so much

Lesamarie Hacker - April 27, 2025 at 07:20 PM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of John S. Newlin.



April 09, 2025 at 11:09 AM

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“ John was a great neighbor to my in-laws-Vince and Betty Sansone. He was always pleasant. Personally, I felt like I couldn't keep my in-laws lawn in as good a shape as he did his. His grass was constantly shorter, never out of hand and sharply manicured. I tried to keep their adjoining borders to match his as I figured he was very particular with the details. All his projects reflected his particular artsy style including the house, stone work, the plants and yard ornaments. That corner of the world won't be the same knowing he isn't over there. He was a good person who emanated a peaceful nature. Mike Harding

Mike Harding - April 06, 2025 at 10:21 PM