



- Pallbearers -

Family and Friends

- Flower Attendants -

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- Interment -

Pine Level Cemetery
4650 Arrow Head Road
Loachapoka, Alabama 36865

- Acknowledgment -

The family of the late Mr. Sylvester Newton acknowledges with grateful appreciation all acts of kindness, prayers, cards, telephone calls, flowers, and words of comfort extended to us during our time of bereavement. A special thank you to the care and support he received at each facility. May God bless each one of you.

IN MEMORIAM

May we take this opportunity to express sincere and deep appreciation for allowing us to serve you during this most difficult period. It is our constant aim to afford to the people of this community a service completed in all details and faultlessly executed with sympathy and understanding.

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF



Sylvester
NEWTON
"SYL" "BIG NEWT"

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2025
11:00 A.M.

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REVEREND OTIS TYNER, JR., OFFICIATING

- The Obituary -

Sylvester "Syl" Newton, passed away peacefully on Sunday, February 9, 2025, at Diversicare Health and Rehabilitation Center in Montgomery, Alabama. Born on March 14, 1944, in Bradley County, Arkansas, Sylvester was the youngest of seven children to the late Mr. Wiley and Mrs. Nellie Newton. His early years were spent in the nurturing environment of the Bradley County School System in Vicks, Arkansas, where he laid the foundation for a life of service and community involvement.

Sylvester's journey through life was marked by love, dedication, and the joy of family. On December 26, 1963, he was united in marriage to the late JoAnn Newton, and together they welcomed their daughter, Lisa Newton Quinn, into the world. Sylvester's career was as diverse as his interests; he worked for UPS and Eastern Airlines before leaving Chicago, Illinois, and held numerous jobs upon moving to Tuskegee, Alabama. It was there that he became an Emergency Medical Technician and a layman for water management for the city of Tuskegee. Despite his eventual retirement due to health concerns, Sylvester remained active and engaged in the lives of those around him.

In 1997, Big Newt found love again and married Mozell Cadenhead. He looked forward to visits with his daughter Lisa, who fondly recalls her father's sense of humor, often joking, "I know you cooked because I am pulling up outside." Sylvester's family was the cornerstone of his life.

Sylvester's commitment to his faith was unwavering. He served as a faithful deacon at the Macedonia MBC in Gold Hill, AL, and contributed his time and talents to the Ebenezer District Christian Congress of Education as Treasurer. His dedication as a layman was evident in his active participation and support of numerous agenda items. When he joined the MT Pelia Missionary Baptist Church, he pressed his way to Sunday School and supported every program with zeal.

Beyond his church and work life, Sylvester had a passion for life's simple pleasures. He enjoyed playing bingo, telling jokes, visiting others, and traveling to Arkansas whenever possible. His love for music was apparent in his admiration for artists like the late Charley Pride and the late Sam Cooke. The scripture Isaiah 32:24, which speaks of healing and forgiveness, brought him comfort, as did Revelation 21:3-4, with its promise of a new world free from sorrow and pain.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Wiley and Nellie Newton; brother, Leon Newton; sisters, Icy Mae Davis and Corlee Newton; special daughter, Sharon Denise Wilkins Turner, his legacy of love and laughter lives on through his family and friends.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his wife of twenty-seven years, Mozell Newton of Loachapoka, AL; one daughter, Lisa (Ronald) Newton Quinn of Tuskegee, AL; five grandchildren, JoAnn C. Quinn of Fayetteville, NC, Alexandria H. Quinn, of Tuskegee, AL, Candi Marshall of Dallas, TX, Jerami Wilkins of Monticello, AR and Kristal Wilkins of Little Rock, AR; five great-grandchildren; three sisters, Renell Hatch, Marvie Trotter both of Chicago, IL and Bernice Hampton of Fordyce, AR; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.



And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them." They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. "He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

Revelation 21:3-4 (NIV)

- The Order of Service -

Processional.....Clergy and Family

Scripture Readings

Prayer of Comfort

Obituary Read Silently

Musical Selection

Eulogy..... Reverend Otis Tyner, Jr.

Recessional

