



Burgess G. Newsom

June 23, 1935 - April 29, 2026

Burgess Gomez Newsom, 90, of Lyman, South Carolina, passed away April 29, 2026.

He was born to his parents, Robert Jefferson and Fannie Newsom in Kelly, Louisiana, on June 23, 1935. In Kelly, Burgess attended high school where he developed a love for basketball and the outdoors.

Upon his graduation, he joined his late, eldest brother, Howard and family in Dallas, Texas. Soon he returned home to Louisiana where his dad drove him to Monroe so that Burgess could join the Air Force.

He trained in San Antonio, Texas followed by other, specialized training in Biloxi, Mississippi. He was assigned to Mcgee Tyson AFB, near Knoxville, Tennessee. It was there one evening, while on KP duty that a bus load of young women from the local YWCA visited the dining hall. His future wife was among that group. He noticed her through a second set of windows and at that point the pursuit was on.

Burgess married Anna Baird on June 23, 1956, his birthday. Together they were blessed with three sons, Gary L. Newsom who was born in Tennessee in July 1957, Burgess G. Newsom, Jr., and Wendell L. Newsom joined the family in Baton Rouge, Louisiana in 1959 and 1963, respectively.

Burgess attended Louisiana State University to pursue a degree in Electrical Engineering. Graduating in 1969, he went back to Dallas. After several successful careers and home moves, Burgess and Anna finally landed in Lyman, South Carolina, where they built a beautiful home on the edge of Lake

Lyman and where they remained for the past 20 years.

They became members of Taylors First Baptist Church. Burgess was a devout Christian who read his Bible nightly, a loving husband and father. Over the years he engaged in his other passions, basketball, golf, softball, family fishing trips in their RV, and spending time with both immediate and extended families from both clans. In his later years he developed a craft for building miniature church replicas for family members and friends. These homemade reproductions were all cut and assembled by hand from floor to steeple. In total he created 14 of these works of art including one with a western motif modeled after the church in the movie "High Noon" starring Gary Cooper. Burgess and Anna have five grandchildren, Travis, Brandon, Tara, Alexandria, and William along with three great-grandchildren, Kinsley, Hudson, and Charlotte Mae. He is survived by his wife, Anna; his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren as well as his brother, Robert Lindell Newsom. His other siblings, Howard, Alene, and Arvel preceded him and will be waiting to greet him in Heaven.

Funeral services will be held 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 5, 2026, at Taylors First Baptist Church conducted by Dr. Frank Page and Rev. Jerry Long. Burial will follow in Taylors First Baptist Church Cemetery.

Visitation will be held 12:45-1:45 p.m., Tuesday, May 5, 2026, at the church. The family will be at the home.

Memorials may be made to Taylors Free Medical Clinic, 400 W Main Street, Taylors, South Carolina 29687.

Online condolences may be made to www.thewoodmortuary.com.

Cemetery Details

Taylor's First Baptist Church Cemetery

200 West Main Street
Taylors, SC 29687

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 5. 12:45 PM - 1:45 PM (ET)

Taylor's First Baptist Church
200 West Main Street
Taylors, SC 29687

Service

MAY 5. 2:00 PM (ET)

Taylor's First Baptist Church
200 West Main Street
Taylors, SC 29687

Tribute Wall



“ *The Wood Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Burgess G. Newsom*



The Wood Mortuary - May 01 at 11:48 AM



“ *Your Medallion Communities Team Members planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Burgess G. Newsom.*

Your Medallion Communities Team Members - May 04 at 06:14 AM



“ *Your Medallion Communities Team Members purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Burgess G. Newsom.*



Your Medallion Communities Team Members - May 04 at 06:14 AM

DL

“ Diana and Dearly Departed Leon purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Burgess G. Newsom.



Diana and Dearly Departed Leon - May 02 at 07:56 PM

DL

“ Diana and Dearly Departed Leon planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Burgess G. Newsom.

Diana and Dearly Departed Leon - May 02 at 07:56 PM

PP

“ Preston and Penny purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Burgess G. Newsom.



Preston and Penny - May 02 at 07:19 PM

PP

“ Preston and Penny planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Burgess G. Newsom.

Preston and Penny - May 02 at 07:19 PM

JW

“ Jim and Brenda Wisely purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Burgess G. Newsom.



Jim and Brenda Wisely - May 02 at 03:10 PM

JM

“ Judy and Clarkson McLean purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Burgess G. Newsom.



Judy and Clarkson McLean - May 01 at 09:03 PM

LN

“ Lindel and Dorothy Newsom purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Burgess G. Newsom.



Lindel and Dorothy Newsom - May 01 at 06:17 PM

LN

“ Lindel and Dorothy Newsom planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Burgess G. Newsom.

Lindel and Dorothy Newsom - May 01 at 06:17 PM

RH

“ Ricky and Libby Haley planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Burgess G. Newsom.

Ricky and Libby Haley - May 01 at 03:31 PM

RH

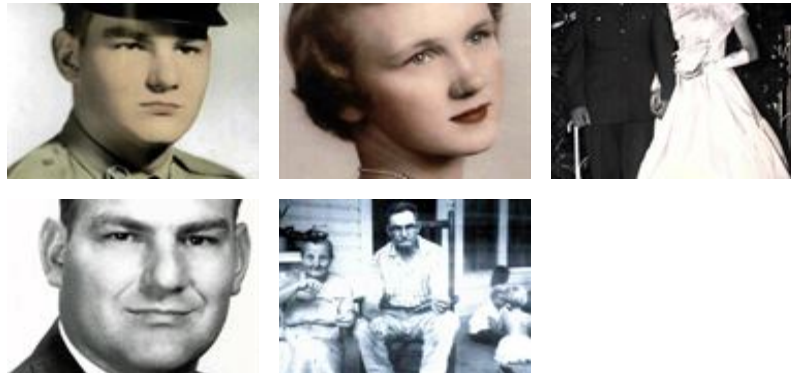
“ Ricky and Libby Haley purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Burgess G. Newsom.



Ricky and Libby Haley - May 01 at 03:31 PM



“ 65 files added to the album Life Tributes



The Wood Mortuary - May 01 at 11:30 AM

RN

“ R.L. and Jeanne Newsom purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Burgess G. Newsom.



R.L. and Jeanne Newsom - April 30 at 08:31 PM

RN

“ R.L. and Jeanne Newsom planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Burgess G. Newsom.

R.L. and Jeanne Newsom - April 30 at 08:31 PM

LF

“ My Uncle Burg and Aunt Ann came in my life when I was in elementary school. They were someone I looked to. I spent the summer with them when I was 15 yrs old to baby sit their boys. My Aunt told me I could be anything I wanted to be. I'm now a retired Chiropractor. My life has been blessed beyond measure because of my Aunt Ann and Uncle Burgess.

Linda Force - April 30 at 07:07 PM