



## Lydia Newell

May 24, 1985 - April 9, 2021

Mrs. Lydia Ruth Gallion Newell, of Marietta, SC, passed away on Friday, April 9, 2021 at the age of 35.

Lydia was born to parents Donald and Nancy Gallion on May 24, 1985 in Columbus, Ohio. She attended Willard High School and was active in band, cross country, theater, and choir. She attended Bob Jones University and graduated in 2008, majoring in Spanish Education. She was heavily involved with Spanish Club during that time. In 2008 she married her love, Dave Newell. She went on to teach high school Spanish at Berea High School and Greer Middle College Charter High School. She traveled to Mexico, Spain and Costa Rica to explore her love of the Spanish language.

Everyone smiled at her distinctive, unfettered, contagious laughter that brought people closer to her. She was beautiful, and she understood and celebrated it without pretension. She pointed out the beauty of others. She gave generously of herself. She walked slowly in gardens and no flower she passed remained unappreciated. She enjoyed reading Chronicles of Narnia to her sons Silas and Jonas. Most of all, she enjoyed leading others toward her Savior.

Lydia is survived by her husband, Dave Newell; her sons, Silas and Jonas Newell; her parents, Don and Nancy Gallion; her brother, Nathan Gallion (Elvira).

Online condolences may be made at [www.thewoodmortuary.com](http://www.thewoodmortuary.com).



# Tribute Wall

ME

“ I took Spanish at BJU with Lydia and I am so sorry to hear of her passing. She was a very kind person and the world is a little more grey without her.

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**melissa** - May 24, 2021 at 12:57 PM

GZ

“ Mrs. Newell was my Spanish teacher back in 2010 at Berea High School. She was a very loving and enthusiastic teacher. She loved helping students and made her class fun. She always made students feel welcome and fostered a warm and fun environment in her classroom. I remember when she went on leave for pregnancy. I missed her a lot. She always had a smile on her face. Made you look forward to her class.

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**Graciela Zamudio** - April 28, 2021 at 11:39 AM

AS

“ Angie and Steve purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Lydia Newell.



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**Angie and Steve** - April 19, 2021 at 08:49 AM



“ Three Cross Throw was purchased for the family of Lydia Newell.



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April 16, 2021 at 09:59 AM

DB

“ We have good memories of Lydia from when she came to Spain! She was an ideal student who took advantage of her opportunities, both academically and spiritually. It was great to keep up with her over the years when we were back in Greenville for a visit. The news of her home going hit us hard. We rejoice with her as she fellowships with her Savior and we grieve with you and your boys as you mourn your loss. May God’s peace and comfort fill your hearts as you celebrate Lydia’s life. Our prayers are with you.

David Bell

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David Bell - April 15, 2021 at 01:30 AM

AR

To many words, but one feeling! Lydia is RUNNING in heaven, her Mother raised a Beautiful Mother! God is good EVERY DAY, and everyday, GOD is gOOd! 🙏🙏

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Amanda Runion - April 17, 2021 at 03:18 AM

KK

“ I am so sorry to hear about Lydia. I do not have FB and did not know her story until today. I do know this, Lydia will never be forgotten. I went to school with her from 1st-11th grade. There was never a dull moment. She was so full of energy, smiles and laughter. One time she even snorted pixie stick dust in grade school because someone had dared her to do it, she is fearless. I am so glad she has touched so many lives. My thoughts and prayers to her entire family and may god comfort them. Love Kimberly (Gayheart) Kilgore

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Kimberly (Gayheart) Kilgore - April 14, 2021 at 09:12 PM

EA

“ Love you, sweet friend. Will miss your smile and positivity, the love for your family and God, and your zest for life. Dave, Silas, and Jonas, you are in my prayers. Peace to all.

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**Elisabeth Allen** - April 14, 2021 at 09:01 PM

BW

“ Mrs. Gallion and family so deeply sorry for your loss. Mrs. Gallion I remember you talking about Lydia in 6th grade. Prayers for your family



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**Brittney Wayman** - April 14, 2021 at 08:49 PM

KM

“ How blessed I am to have known and watched Lydia grow up over the years. Her choir performances, her beautiful smile, and her tender concerns for our church family made her special. My thoughts and prayers are with you Dave, Don and Nancy, Nathan and Bing, and the children.

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**Kathy Miller** - April 14, 2021 at 04:25 PM

BD

“ May your memories be a blessing.  
*Bonny Duncan*

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**Bonny Duncan** - April 14, 2021 at 03:40 PM

HT

“ My heart goes out to Lydia's family. She was truly just the sweetest soul and will be missed dearly. The world lost a bright light but heaven gained a faithful servant. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

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**Heather Timanus** - April 14, 2021 at 11:10 AM

SG

“ I am deeply saddened by the loss of this sweet friend. Her kindness, generosity and beautiful smile will forever remain in my heart. I send Dave, Silas, Jonas and Lydia's entire family my sincere and heartfelt condolences. Lydia, you will always be in my heart until we meet again. "Un beso al cielo",  
Sofia

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**Sofia Gonzalez** - April 14, 2021 at 10:31 AM

DH

“ I was so saddened to hear of Lydia's passing....i came to know her well, during her high school years with CC, band, and of course theater through my daughter Amy! I will always remember how funny she was and made us laugh if there wasn't at least 2 tubes of chapstick within her reach! Most Recently after i lost my Dad she sent me the nicest messages she was such a beautiful soul taken way to soon! Prayers for all the family!! Sincerely.....Donna Hutchison

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**Donna. Hutchison** - April 13, 2021 at 02:30 PM

JM

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to David, the boys and Lydia's entire family. Lydia was an optimistic, caring, and strong person. When my father past, Lydia wrote me a note with some scriptures that helped her in tough times, to help me get through my loss. I can't tell you how much those helped. She was my friend and I will miss her so much.

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**Julie Moore** - April 13, 2021 at 12:49 PM

DH

“ My heart aches for your family. I knew Lydia as a baby, and saw her grow into a key be sweet women.  
Praying for your family.

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**Deborah Hartman** - April 13, 2021 at 12:20 PM

KH

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Lydia's passing. I remember her well from her days at Richmond School and the many activities she was part of at WHS. Lydia was smart, filled with confidence and a true light!  
Prayers for God's peace & comfort for all who loved her.

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**Kathy Harter** - April 13, 2021 at 12:19 PM

BE

“ I am so very sorry. I send my sympathy to Dave and the boys. Also to Rev. and Mrs. Gallion. My heart aches for you all. Know that Lydia was such an encourager to me and I am sure to many. We were sisters in the Lord. I know she was a witness to others even at a young age. My son Nate was one of her friends in high school. They were in theatrical productions together. What earth has lost heaven has gained. Both my husband and I send our sympathy.  
Rev. Jim and Barb Ellis

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**Barbara C Ellis** - April 13, 2021 at 12:16 PM

SG

“ My heart hurts for this family. Lydia and I had many "tea dates" together, shared recipes and essential oils. My first memory of her is hilarious... I was a new teacher at our school, and when everyone was making introductions, Lydia introduced herself by talking about her love of Spanish. Then she said in front of everyone, "I just think my soul is brown. That's how much I love Spanish." I laughed so hard! That was the moment I just knew we would be friends. I will miss her terribly.

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**Susan Gault** - April 13, 2021 at 11:23 AM

SC

“ So very sorry to learn of this. Sending prayers, love and hugs to Dave and his family.  
--Sallie Carvalho

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**Sallie Carvalho** - April 13, 2021 at 09:51 AM

PO

“ I loved seeing Lydia in the plays at Willard High School. She was marvelous in anything goes. Gone too soon.

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**Peggy Opatken** - April 13, 2021 at 09:45 AM

KM

“ Many of Lydia's Facebook friends followed her journey from a distance, yet felt close as she shared her struggles. The joy of the LORD was her strength and this gave many others strength to face our lesser challenges as we too called on Him.

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**Karen Meyer** - April 13, 2021 at 09:23 AM

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**Amanda Runion** - April 17, 2021 at 03:20 AM

MS

“ I was so sorry to learn of her passing.  
Please know I am keeping you all in my prayers at this very sad  
time  
Marilyn Sands

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**Marilyn Sands** - April 13, 2021 at 08:45 AM

HC

“ I first met Lydia at Peniel Bible Camp, and we were attached at the  
hip for an entire week. I didn't want to play the campwide games,  
and neither did she, so we hid in the chapel for hours talking until  
the games were over. Every year after that I always looked for her  
at summer camp and couldn't wait to see my friend again. She was  
the best friend you could ask for, always easy to get along with, and  
a contagious laughter that would drown away any sadness you felt.  
Look at all the people she impacted in her 35 years. What a  
blessing God gave the world through her.

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**Hannah Collingwood** - April 13, 2021 at 08:42 AM

MR

“ I am so very sorry to read this. My heart goes out to her entire  
family. I worked at Willard High School and knew Lydia from that  
time. Her mother was my children's teacher. What a sweet person  
Lydia was - she was so beautiful from the inside out. My deepest  
condolences to you all.

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**Mary Rees** - April 13, 2021 at 06:37 AM

SL

“ Dave and family. I am so sorry for your loss. I am praying that God  
will bless and comfort you all.

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**Stan Long** - April 13, 2021 at 06:29 AM

HB

“ I only remember meeting Lydia once when I was young at Morrow Bible Church in the early 2000s. She was so sweet and beautiful. I wish I had gotten to be friends with her but our age difference and life paths never allowed for it. So sad to lose someone so young and loved by many but comforting to know she is with God now and we can rejoice in that. Prayers for her family that is still here in dealing with this loss.

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**Hillary Bletz** - April 12, 2021 at 10:09 PM

ER

“ We did not know you personally, Lydia, nor your sweet family, but we hold your mother and father in high esteem and have prayed for all of you for many months in our Cornerstone Church. Nancy and Don, may the Lord continue to bless you with the sweetest of memories and thankfulness for the years, months, and days that He has given you with this precious daughter.

*Elaine and Hal Raw*

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**Elaine and Hal Raw** - April 12, 2021 at 09:57 PM

DS

“ David, Silas and Jonas,  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this sad, difficult time. May God give you His all sufficient grace and love during these days.  
Many are thinking of you and praying for you all.

*Dan and Debbie Simmons*

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**Debbie Simmons** - April 12, 2021 at 05:09 PM

TB

“*Dave, my heart breaks for you and your sons. Im so sorry to hear of the passing of Lydia. You and your family will be in my thoughts and prayers.*”

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**Tammy Baber** - April 12, 2021 at 04:16 PM