



## George A Newcomb

January 1, 1949 - July 26, 2024

George A. Newcomb Jr., 75, of Grand Island passed away unexpectedly on July 26, 2024.

Memorial services in his honor will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, August 1, 2024 at All Faiths Funeral Home. Military honors will be rendered by the U.S. Air Force and Veteran's Honor Guard. Dan Naranjo will officiate. Private family burial will take place at a later date at Cambridge Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the family for future designation.

George was born January 1, 1949 in Lexington, NE, only son of George and Roberta (Taylor) Newcomb. George grew up in Curtis where he attended Medicine Valley Schools until his junior year when his family relocated to Aurora where he graduated from Aurora High School. Before continuing his education, George enlisted in the United States Air Force on March 12, 1969. He was stationed in Turkey and Japan and was received his honorable discharge on January 31, 1973. In 1976, George graduated from the University of Nebraska at Kearney with his degree in elementary education and special education. He earned his master's degree in school administration.

On December 28, 1974, George was married to Karen Olsen, mother of Amber and Kim, for 19 years. He was greatly loved by her family

George was a dedicated grade school teacher, he was the 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grade math teacher at 1-R Grade School for 29 years. During that time, he also was the girls' volleyball and basketball coach, and before his retirement,

the principal.

George was a member of the VFW, and enjoyed fishing and shooting ranges. He attended all of his daughter's events and more recently his grandchildren's' events. George loved being "Papa". He was ready for any activity and spent hours at the skate park or trampoline park with the grandkids. George never let his age slow him down and loved being a part of his grandkid's day. He was always ready to help anyone who needed a hand. He is survived by his daughters, Amber (fiancé, Mike Dowty) Newcomb-Gregg of Central City, Kimberly (Ricky) Newcomb-Johnson of Grand Island; grandchildren, Bryce Johnson, Lucy Johnson, Maggy Johnson and Aiden Newcomb; sisters, Linda (Jim) Naeve of Lincoln, Patricia (Ivan) Gaeten of St. Augustine, FL, and Debra Walker of Lincoln; mother of his children, Karen Newcomb; and numerous nieces, nephews and friends. George was preceded in death by his parents; sister Glenda Fantoni and brother-in-law, Bob Walker.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Service

AUG 1. 10:30 AM (CT)

All Faiths Funeral Home  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *All Faiths Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of George A Newcomb*



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**All Faiths Funeral Home** - August 01, 2024 at 09:55 AM



“ *Blessed to have been a student and athlete of Mr. Newcomb! He inspired me to do my best and continue to work hard in all of my endeavors. His voice and encouragement will be remembered throughout my life and as I coach and work with youngsters in my own life. God bless you with comfort and peace!*

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**Krishna Uden** - August 05, 2024 at 12:02 PM



“ *My condolences to George's daughters and grandchildren. I graduated with George from Aurora High School class of 1967. He was a good friend. We attended Kearney State college together after graduation. He was always good for a ride home. Although if he had attended the FAC, I was the one to do the driving. I will miss his facebook posts. RIP.*

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**Patricia Hudnall** - August 01, 2024 at 08:00 PM



“ George was a Aurora High 1967 graduate with me and all our class. He was an awesome classmate and friend. Several years ago he sent me and others the most beautiful landscape pictures. I have seen anything so beautiful

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**Gail Oconnor** - August 01, 2024 at 07:27 PM



“ Gail Oconnor sent a virtual gift in memory of George Newcomb



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**Gail Oconnor** - August 01, 2024 at 07:15 PM



“ Michelle C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of George A Newcomb.

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**Michelle C.** - August 01, 2024 at 09:48 AM

“ George (aka Fatty) and I met in early 1971 in the country of Turkey. We were both in the USAF. It was to be our final overseas tour before we got out of the USAF. I was married and had my wife (MaryLee) and 6 month old son with me during most of my tour. Often times George would come over to our home in Yalova (20 miles from our base) to share dinner with us and just BS and play with our son. He was always welcome in our home as a friend treated like a brother.

I sent my wife and son home in Sept of 72 (since I was getting discharged in Dec 72). George was appointed "Dorm Chief" and had his own room. When MaryLee and my son went home, George invited me move in with him and share his room til I left to go home in Dec 72. Since we both worked on "Dog Flight" we had the same hours and therefore could share a lot of time together.

If you don't know, both George and I (and many of our friends) loved to play darts. Most of our free time was spent perfecting our game. George had a dart board in his room and he was one of the best shooters. We played and practiced day after day and were pretty good. Our close friend Jim Fry (aka Fryman) would join us in tournaments. We would talk smart and laugh at almost at anything. BTW. George got the nick name(Fatty)from someone because he had a small pot belly and thus the name stuck. He wore the moniker proudly. It was one way to deal with the service life. I would be remiss if I did not tell everyone that we all had nick names. It was great.

Lastly, George , Fryman, (Yoke and Dan) and I were very good friends and have remained friends for all these years (50 ).

George will be missed by me in particular because in the fall he and I would constantly text each other on Saturdays about our college favorite college football teams (the Gophers and the his Huskers). Neither one of us thought they were worth a damn.

In closing, MaryLee and I would like to share our condolences with the family. We will miss him dearly.

*Jim and MaryLee Illies (aka Mission)*

**james illies** - July 31, 2024 at 10:58 AM

AG

*Thank you for sharing these special memories, I loved reading this. Although I cried the entire time. He cherished you, he truly did. Thank you for your condolences.*

*Amber Newcomb Gregg*

**Amber Gregg** - July 31, 2024 at 03:02 PM

JF

“ *Jim Fry planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of George A Newcomb.*

**Jim Fry** - July 30, 2024 at 10:29 PM

JF

“ *Jim Fry purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of George A Newcomb.*



**Jim Fry** - July 30, 2024 at 10:29 PM

JC

“ *Deepest Condolences to the family. I was instructed by Mr Newcomb at 1-R school over 35 years ago. I still have vivid memories of him teaching math, and playing softball but mostly I remember his great sense of humor. He will be truly be missed.*

**Jennifer Hancock Carter** - July 30, 2024 at 06:17 PM

AG

Thank you ❤️

Amber Newcomb Gregg

Amber Gregg - July 31, 2024 at 03:04 PM

MY

“ Mike & Kathy Yokley planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of George A Newcomb.

Mike & Kathy Yokley - July 30, 2024 at 04:34 PM

MY

“ Mike & Kathy Yokley purchased the Serene Retre at for the family of George A Newcomb.



Mike & Kathy Yokley - July 30, 2024 at 04:34 PM

LG

“ George (Mr. Newcomb as I have called him for over 40 some years) was one of the BEST teachers and coaches that I've ever had in all my years at District 1-R and NW high school. He was caring, strict but in a good way, he took time to make sure you got what he taught and was a super VB and BB coach! I will sure miss him and he great FB posts of his family, friends and fish!!! He was one in a million! Sincere condolences to his family and friends. He can now catch the biggest fish forever!! Tears filling my eyes as I type this. He was one that I always have looked up to. Rest in peace Mr. Newcomb.

Lisa (Enevoldsen) Grauerholz - July 29, 2024 at 10:19 PM

AG

*Thank you for your special memories!! 🥺❤️*

*Amber Newcomb Gregg*

**Amber Gregg** - July 31, 2024 at 03:05 PM

DC

“ *McKensie n Aaron Peterson had him at 1R. He was a good guy teacher. May George Rest in Peace.*



**Deborah Conevera** - July 29, 2024 at 07:16 PM

BR

“ *I am so sorry to hear about George I graduated with him from Aurora High in 1967. I always enjoyed seeing him and his grandkids on FB he will surely be missed. I saw him at the Aurora pool last year I think and took my grandkids to spring city thought I might see him and the kids. Our deepest sympathies to all the families Jim & Becky (Strotman) Rathman*

**Becky Rathman** - July 29, 2024 at 05:02 PM

LD

“ *Linda & Jim, Pat & Ivan, Deb. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of George A Newcomb.*

**Linda & Jim, Pat & Ivan, Deb.** - July 29, 2024 at 04:49 PM

LD

“ Linda & Jim, Pat & Ivan, Deb. purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of George A Newcomb.



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**Linda & Jim, Pat & Ivan, Deb.** - July 29, 2024 at 04:49 PM

JW

“ I taught science at 1-R when George taught math. We frequently combined our 8th grade math and science classes to do extended projects. I was privileged to teach his daughters the years they attended 1-R School. Judy Witt Wilson

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**Judith E. Wilson** - July 28, 2024 at 10:46 PM

MD

“ Remembering our years together at 1R school. Go Rebels. You were a great educator for our Rebels. Also remember so well that laugh of yours when we shared jokes. Such a great guy. We'll miss you. Mick Davey

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**MICK DAVEY** - July 28, 2024 at 09:38 PM

RT

“ *One Amazing Man;*

*He would hear a song and tell you who sang it , when it was recorded and knew the words.*

*Some favorite things I remember doing with George, like playing golf at Johnson Lake Golf Course in a thunderstorm, with lightening , like fishing for White Bass In our Father Inlaws fishing boat IN a thunderstorm and lightening Yep we caught more fish than we ever did that day, Bob wasn't happy that we didn't come in early!! 🌀🐟*

*We almost ran in a ditch one day when a spider dropped down in front of George , while he was driving, didn't know he had an issue with spiders till then, we laughed for hours after that.*

*One of my other favorite things to do with him was playing Tennis , George was a great Tennis player, we played league tennis together for a while.*

*George and I went to see the Huskers play Oklahoma late 70's , we sat through a Lot of blowing Snow and low wind chills at the top of the south east stadium, that was a cold afternoon.*

*Too many memories to list!!!*

*Going to miss ya George*

*RIP*

*Roy Toy*

*Lincoln Ne*

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**Roy Toy** - July 28, 2024 at 09:10 PM

AG

*Thank you Uncle Roy💔😭*

*Amber Newcomb Gregg*

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**Amber Gregg** - July 31, 2024 at 03:08 PM

DM

*I first met George when I was the Speech/Language Pathologist at 1-R. He was so easy to get to know! In his later years I loved how much he loved and cared for his grandkids! Although he was a great teacher and father it sure appeared he was an even better papa! May The Peace that passes all understanding comfort you all in the days ahead.*

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**Diane C Meier** - August 04, 2024 at 10:05 AM