



## Robert John Newman

December 20, 1942 - July 22, 2016

ROBERT J. NEWMAN, 73, passed away on July 22, 2016 at Hospice of Northwest Ohio (Toledo). Robert was born in Toledo on December 20, 1942 and was a life-long resident of this city.

Robert loved America; he proudly and honorably served in the United States Navy aboard the U.S.S. Independence during the Viet Nam Conflict (War).

From an early age, he worked at a local neighborhood service station to help provide for his mother and sisters: he later became the tow truck operator for the same station.

Robert loved history and especially reading and/or watching anything and everything pertaining to our military and its leaders. He subscribed to "The Navy Times" and supported the DAV, Wounded Warriors and Paralyzed Vets of America. He enjoyed spending time with his sisters, Voletta and Barbara, and their husbands, Pete and Larry, engaging in lively discussions regarding all kinds of history. He also enjoyed spending time with his friends at Sam & Charlie's Restaurant (Central Avenue). He treasured the recent time he spent with a childhood friend, John Spirko.

Robert was preceded in death by his parents, his paternal grandparents, Earl B. and Callie C. Newman, his paternal Aunts Mary P. and Barbara J. Newman; his maternal grandparents, and, his "Little Sailor" nephew James Robert Bartlett of Springfield, Ohio. He was also preceded in death by his childhood friend and Navy 'brother', Richard J. Weirich.

He is survived by his sisters, Barbara (Larry) Raugh, Springfield, OH; Voletta (Pete) Wright, Sylvania, OH; Susan (Alan) Gentry, Orange Park, FL; Judith (Edward) Burnett, Marietta, GA; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held at a later date and are being arranged with Ansberg-West Funeral Directors, 419-472-7633. In lieu of flowers, donations in Robert's memory may be

made to any of the veterans organizations mentioned above or to Hospice of Northwest Ohio (Toledo). To send his family online condolences, please visit [www.ansberg-west.com](http://www.ansberg-west.com).

# Comments

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“ If Barbara or Violeta are still with us. Please contact me. I never knew he died

Betty Brzozowski Lanz  
blanz@bex.net

I was his first girlfriend

**Betty Lanz** - March 14 at 06:12 AM

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“ We were saddened to hear about J.R.'s death. We knew him for years!! I think more people would have noticed his name as: "J.R."...as everyone knew him. We knew him way back when he worked at Sunoco on Monroe St. with all of his co-workers. At the Midwood where we worked & he visited us often after work & brought in customers also.He will be missed. We had a lot of laughs over the years & he helped out tremendously in every way he could-to lend a helping hand. A lot of fond memories. Rest in peace. Debbi Dodd & Terry McNair (We would like to know when memorial services will be held.)

**Debbi Dodd & Terry McNair** - August 23, 2016 at 02:51 PM