



## Jesse Newton

December 25, 1943 - October 30, 2024

Jesse L. Newton was born in Holdenville, Oklahoma, on December 25, 1943, the youngest child of

Ray Howard Newton and Mildred Ramona Willis Newton. Surrounded by family, Jesse passed

peacefully from his earthly life into his heavenly home on October 30, 2024.

Jesse was one of five children. He was preceded in death by his parents, oldest brother Felix

Beecher May, sister Carol Faye Lipe, and brother Will Willis Newton. He is survived by one brother,

Joe Ray Newton.

Jesse met Jeanna Fay Jones in August of 1969. They married on February 27, 1970, in Owasso,

Oklahoma. The parents of three children, Michelle Jeannette, Jeffrey Howard, and Jeanessa May,

Jesse and Jeanna made their home in Catoosa, Oklahoma, where Jeanna still resides. A man of

exceptional talents, Jesse built their house from the ground up, with help from his brother-in-law Mike

Jones and other family members. The frame and trim carpentry, roofing, plumbing, and electrical

work, were all done at the hands of Jesse, while Jeanna did the drywall, insulating, painting,

decorating, and assisted in all other endeavors.

Jesse's excellent craftsmanship and eye for detail were evident as he busied himself over the years

building an over-cab camper for his truck, a custom canoe, a hand-crafted mandolin, and restoring a 1932 Ford sedan.

Jesse began his career in the aircraft simulation and training industry in the late 1960s when he

became employed at Burtek Inc. in Tulsa, OK, as a cabinet maker. Over his tenure at Burtek, Jesse

held several positions within the company, including shop supervisor, program manager, and

engineer, refining designs for manufacturability. When Burtek closed its doors in 1996, Jesse was

determined to succeed through self-employment. Using his retirement money, he built the first

Newton Design building (Building 1) and, together with Mike Jones, began doing cabinet and remodel

work to make ends meet. Newton Design now consists of 9 buildings, over 100,000 square feet of

facility space, and nearly 80 employees.

Jesse had a passion for music, playing Bluegrass and Gospel on his hand-crafted mandolin. He loved

playing his mandolin and singing at his home church, Oak Grove Baptist in Catoosa, Oklahoma. A

Godly man and generous supporter of the church, Jesse was one of its founding members and

instrumental in acquiring the land on which the church resides. He also served as the construction

superintendent, overseeing and participating in the initial construction and subsequent church

expansions.

Jesse's love for the Colorado mountains and bow hunting was the driving force that fueled him throughout the year. He cherished his yearly visits to the mountains for family vacationing, and elk and deer hunting with his grandson Matthew.

He is survived by his wife, children, and grandchildren: Matthew Steven Barr, Joshua Andrew Barr,

Luke Michael Barr, Alisha Lynn Admire, Jessica Lynn Newton, Kavern James Marler, and Kanton

Zachary Marler, great-grandchildren: Briar Matthew Barr, Bodie Tucker Barr, Blakely Ann Barr, Angel

Guerrero Curiel Jr., Joslyn Arzetta Barr, and Whiskey River Barr.

Jesse was loved by everyone he met. His generosity and dynamic personality will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

If you would like to make a donation to the Oklahoma Parkinson's Alliance in honor of Jesse, use this link:

<https://oklahomapa.org/donate/>

Please check the box for "Dedicate this gift in honor or memory" then type Jesse Newton.

# Cemetery Details

## Floral Haven Memorial Gardens

6500 S. 129th E. Ave.  
Tulsa, OK 74012  
(918) 252-2518

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

NOV 8. 10:00 AM (CT)

Oak Grove Baptist Church  
307 South 273rd East Avenue  
Catoosa, OK 74015

# Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album Video Tribute



Hayhurst Funeral Home - November 11, 2024 at 11:58 AM

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“ One time when Jesse was framing walls upstairs at the church, I recall him hollering to get my attention. When I got to him, he had his hand wrapped up, but I could see the head of a nail on his fingertip. I thought it was a joke until I looked in his eyes and saw the sweat on his forehead. That 16-penny nail was sunk into his left index finger all the way to the head, but he was calm. I got my bull-nosed pliers out, said I was going to yank it out on 3. Ready? 1..... YANK!! Got it out! He then bent his finger a few times and said "Whew, that feels better!" There wasn't a drop of blood on that nail.

Vicki Pelky - November 08, 2024 at 06:28 AM

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That story is from Bryan Pelky.

Vicki Pelky - November 08, 2024 at 06:29 AM

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“ It was a complete honor serving with Jesse in the very early stages of Oak Grove Baptist. Playing music with him was always fun, encouraging and a big blessing. He was such a humble man. ❤️



Vicki Pelky - November 08, 2024 at 06:16 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jesse Newton.*



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November 07, 2024 at 07:16 PM



“ *It was such an honor for us to share in the life of Jesse. He was such a gracious and generous man. His talents were beyond measure. Susie and Van Nelson*

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**Susie and Van Nelson** - November 07, 2024 at 04:12 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jesse Newton.*

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November 07, 2024 at 09:43 AM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Jesse Newton.*



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November 07, 2024 at 09:43 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jesse Newton.*



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November 06, 2024 at 10:19 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jesse Newton.*



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November 01, 2024 at 03:36 PM



“ *It is our honor and privilege to serve the Newton family and to provide this permanent tribute website in memory of Jesse.*



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**Hayhurst Funeral Home** - October 30, 2024 at 09:39 AM