



## Newt Davis

June 5, 1961 - November 14, 2023

Coleman Funeral Home of Olive Branch

William Newton "Newt" Davis, Jr., 62, of Sardis, MS, passed away on Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at Regional One Health in Memphis, TN. Friends are invited to a visitation on Saturday, November 18, 2023, from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church in Batesville. A funeral service will be held on Sunday, November 19, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church. Interment to follow at Magnolia Cemetery. Dr. Paul Middleton will officiate.

Newt was born on June 5, 1961 in Batesville, MS. He graduated from North Delta High School in 1979, was a member of Como Methodist Church, and throughout his life attended Calvary Baptist Church with his family. Newt was a young entrepreneur. He opened his business, Davis Auto Salvage, in Sardis in the mid 80's. Later in the 90's, he decided to open Save-A-Lot Used Cars with his wife, Melissa. He was a hard worker and loved to work sun-up 'til sun-down. Whenever you were around him, he always went out of his way to say hello and had a story to tell. He kept everyone laughing. If you knew Newt, you knew he was an animal lover and always kept a stash of treats in his truck for any dog that came his way. Newt treated everyone equally and like a friend. He was always lending a hand to anyone that was in need. Truly, he was a simple man with a big heart.

Newt and his wife, Melissa, were married for 34 years and together for 39 years. He enjoyed spending time with his family and cooking out with them. He provided and cherished them dearly. During his spare time, he enjoyed taking trips with his wife, fishing, watching races, working on cars, and cheering on any Ole Miss sport. Newt was a wonderful husband, father, son, brother, and friend that will be missed.

Newt is survived by his wife, Melissa Edlin Davis of Sardis, MS; daughter, Anna Payton Butler (Clay) of Sardis; son, William Newton Davis, III "Will" of Batesville, MS; mother, Anne Johnston Davis of Como; sisters, Suzanne Brandon (David) of Nashville, TN and Louise Davis of Chicago, IL; sister-in-law, Paula Sarten of Olive Branch; nieces, Camille Cohen (Lee) of Nashville and Brittney McCaw (Matt) of Olive Branch; nephews, Brian Gordon (Kelley) of Collierville, TN, David Brandon, III of Nashville, and Charles Brandon of Memphis, TN; uncles, Billy Johnston (Bobbi) and Tommy Johnston (Corrine) of Thomaston, GA, and his aunt, Lucille Griffin of Atlanta, GA.

Newt was preceded in death by his father, William "Bill" Newton Davis, Sr. and aunt, Ann Lynam, "Dolly."

In lieu of traditional flowers, memorial contributions can be made in his name to Le Bonheur Children's Hospital ([www.lebonheur.org](http://www.lebonheur.org)) or to the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (<https://secure.aspca.org/donate/memorial>)

Online condolences may be left on his Tribute Wall at [www.colemanfuneralhome.com](http://www.colemanfuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Magnolia Cemetery

289 Hwy 51  
Batesville, MS 38606

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 18. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Calvary Baptist Church (Batesville)  
305 Keating Road  
Batesville, MS 38606

## Funeral Service

NOV 19. 2:00 PM (CT)

Calvary Baptist Church (Batesville)  
305 Keating Road  
Batesville, MS 38606

# Tribute Wall



“ Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford created a Tribute Video in memory of Newt Davis



Coleman Funeral Home - November 17, 2023 at 08:22 PM

MD

*Thank you so much for this and all you have done for us! It will never be forgotten. Many have asked, “how are you”? The only response is... my heart is broken and so sad but incredibly full at the same time! A good friend from church said, “God will see you through this, and he uses your friends and loved ones to hug you and be His arms! What truth this has spoken to our hearts! Melissa Davis and family*

Melissa Davis - November 18, 2023 at 08:01 AM

JP

“ Newt you are one of a kind. I'll miss you calling me Radar or asking where skeeter is? Good man gone too soon. You will be missed.



Janet posey - November 22, 2023 at 10:37 PM

DB

“ I have known Newt for a long time. Him and my Daddy (Milton Brown) used to work on race cars a long time ago. I remember going with them to a few extremely loud races. I'm praying for peace and comfort for Melissa, their 2 children and the rest of the family. God took him too soon. He will be greatly missed by all that knew him.

Sincerely  
Denise Brown

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Denise Brown - November 19, 2023 at 03:14 PM

BM

“ Melissa, Anna Peyton and Will there is a special place in my heart for your family. I am so sorry for you lost Newt was always a good friend to me. He could always bring a smile to me. Newt showed me a true friendship, you and your children was a true reflection of him. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers. Much love, Bridget McFarling....

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Bridget McFarling - November 18, 2023 at 12:18 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Newt Davis.



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November 17, 2023 at 06:58 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Newt Davis.*



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November 17, 2023 at 06:01 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Newt Davis.*



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November 17, 2023 at 05:42 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Newt Davis.*



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November 17, 2023 at 04:47 PM



“ 162 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



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**Coleman Funeral Home** - November 17, 2023 at 04:38 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of *Newt Davis*.



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November 17, 2023 at 02:51 PM



“ *If you knew Newt you had a friend for life. His stories were SO Funny and they were all TRUE. He was one of a kind. He was a loyal friend and wonderful neighbor. Gone too soon. Prayers for Mrs. Ann, Melisa, Anna Peyton and Will.*

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**Bradie Bailey** - November 17, 2023 at 01:06 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Newt Davis.



November 17, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Newt Davis.



November 17, 2023 at 11:57 AM



“ Mike & Delynn @ DeltaThunder Motorsports purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Newt Davis.



**Mike & Delynn @ DeltaThunder Motorsports** - November 17, 2023 at 11:57 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Newt Davis.



November 17, 2023 at 11:55 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Newt Davis.*



November 17, 2023 at 10:46 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Newt Davis.*



November 17, 2023 at 06:40 AM



“ *When Newt was a pre-teenager, he gave me a gift to take back with me to New York city. It was a tiny farm he had created, with tiny little cotton plants to take back with me after he learned that there were no farms in New York. It was a perfect way for him to say he loved me and wanted me to be at peace in the big city.*

**Samantha, Harper Macy** - November 16, 2023 at 11:37 PM



*Newt was a great guy! I loved me some “Newt Davis!” He always had a great story and a treat for your dog if it was in the car. He LOVED his family very much. I always had to be sure that I didn’t get Ann’s picture in the paper at the DAR meetings—she wasn’t supposed to be driving! He will be sorely missed by many. Kay Wolfe*

**Kay Wolfe** - November 17, 2023 at 10:57 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Newt Davis.*



November 16, 2023 at 11:32 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Newt Davis.*



November 16, 2023 at 09:58 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Newt Davis.*



November 16, 2023 at 08:45 PM



“ *My memory with newt was that he was a good boss to work for and I will miss him my prayers go out to his family*



**BRENDA Martin** - November 15, 2023 at 09:26 PM

AF

“ I think one of the proudest memories I have was when Anna Payton got married. He was so happy for Anna Payton and Clay. I told him what a great job he and Melissa had done raising their children. With a big smile he said, “ I give Melissa most of the credit. I guess we did something right, we did our best“. Such a kind, hard working man that loved his family. He will greatly be missed.

Allen Floate - November 15, 2023 at 09:14 PM

SG

Precious man !!! I s known newt all my life. Funny and so much fu not be around. I loved his stories!!! They were non short of a Saturday night live skit. But he lived off the actual skit ! So dang funny. !!!! Love to Melissa , Anna Payton and Will. Newt will be missed !!!! Love y'all all so much.Love , Harry ,Stephanie and Caroline Guckert and Glenda Bailey 🙏👍❤️

stephanue Bailey Guckert - November 16, 2023 at 07:38 PM

BH

When we moved to Sardis Newt was the first man Archie met and loved him for 20 plus years he was such a good friend and we will miss him so much,having said that he always talked about his family, I don't know of anyone not loving him.

Barbara Haynes - November 16, 2023 at 10:49 PM

BR

Newt always said “hey friend” to everyone!!! Such a good man and friend. You could always count on Newt.

brittany o'neal (jr johnson rd) - November 17, 2023 at 08:56 AM

AG

*I have so many good memories of Newt--one day I was on main street in Sardis and my car would not crank. Newt was just driving by and stopped to help me. He pulled his big truck up by my car and jumped out with his "cadillac" jumper cables. He told me if these jumper cables did not start my car that he would help me get the car to the junk yard. We chatted a little bit about our families--he was so proud of his family and his eyes always lit up when he was talking about Melissa, Anna Peyton, and Will. He jumped back in his truck and zipped away.*

*We are keeping you in our thoughts and prayers.  
We love you,  
Greg and Angie Griffin*

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**Angie Griffin** - November 17, 2023 at 11:37 AM

MD

*Thank you all for your kind words..it means so much to us. We have felt an overwhelming out-pour of love this this horrific time. Please keep us in your prayers as we have some pretty big pants to fill!*

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**Melissa Davis** - November 18, 2023 at 03:08 AM