



Mr. Robert "Bob" Bruce Newkirk Sr.

April 17, 1934 - July 13, 2019

Robert "Bob" Bruce Newkirk, Sr., age 85 of St. Charles AR died Saturday, July 13th, 2019. Bob was born April 17, 1934 in West Helena, AR to George and Mary Lee Seat Newkirk.

Bob was an avid outdoorsman and upon retirement as head of aviation and chief pilot for Vulcan Materials Inc., Birmingham AL, he bought his duck land, Twin Cypress around the St. Charles area.

Bob spent most of the year preparing for the next season's duck hunts. He passed away doing what he loved most, working on his property. He always knew when he retired, he would return to his home state to do what he loved.....hunt.

Bob started his flying career in the Republic of Panama where he served in the Army as a Certified Explosive Ordinance Disposal Specialist. He received an honorable discharge from the Army National Guard of TN in 1966. He then moved to Birmingham Alabama where he continued his 26 year flight career with Vulcan Inc.

In his spare time, Bob and his late wife, Nell Ruth Newkirk spent many years scuba diving in the islands. He was a Master Scuba Diver and was trained as

an open water advanced rescue and wreck diver. Bob also served as a City Alderman in St. Charles, President of the DeWitt Lions Club and President of the Friends of the White River Refuge. He was also a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Nell Ruth Newkirk; parents, George and Mary Lee Seat Newkirk; his brothers, George Newkirk, Harry Newkirk, Doug Newkirk and Chris Newkirk.

Bob is survived by his son, Christopher Carr Newkirk (Donna), Plano TX; daughter, Amelia Rich Elam, Stuttgart; son, Robert Bruce Newkirk, Jr, Stuttgart; son, Craig Madar (Ann), Port Saint Joe, FL; Grandchildren, Ashli Elam Bucher (Aaron), Benton AR; Gere Elam, Slovak AR; Britni Newkirk, Coppell TX; Kinser Dean Newkirk, Anchorage AK; Kacie Lynn Newkirk, Plano TX; Robert Shook Newkirk (Bliss), Siloam Springs, AR; Drake Newkirk and James Newkirk, Humphrey AR; Sister, Nancy Jackson (Cliff), West Memphis AR; Sister-in-law, Gwen Newkirk, West Helena, AR and four Great Grandchildren, Brogan and Marek Bucher; Jenna and Whit Newkirk.

A memorial service will be held Friday, July 19th 10:00am at Essex Funeral Home, 1405 South Grandview Drive in DeWitt AR. Visitation will be after the memorial service. Memorials may be made to Delta Waterfowl or Arkansas Game and Fish.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL 19. 10:00 AM (CT)

Essex Funeral Home
1405 South Grandview
DeWitt, AR 72042
(870) 946-3104
<https://www.essexfuneralhome.com>

Tribute Wall

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“ & Lake Fork Glass- Dalton and Shirley Meyers purchased the Garden Wreath for the family of Mr. Robert "Bob" Bruce Newkirk Sr..



& Lake Fork Glass- Dalton and Shirley Meyers - July 18, 2019 at 10:38 AM

LK

“ Love, Sheryl and Kim purchased the Southern Magnolia Tree for the family of Mr. Robert "Bob" Bruce Newkirk Sr..



Love, Sheryl and Kim - July 18, 2019 at 10:18 AM

RW

“ i was sadden to her of MR. BOBs passing he was always a fixture at the old ST. CHARLES store . i meet MR BOB the winter of 2000 ,he was always friendly to every one &would talk ducks all day !! i did get invited to hunt his famed TWIN CYPRESS duck hole a few times . he always wanted the hunts to last as long as possible . another rule was PLEASE DONT SHOOT MY BROWN DUCKS{hens}. i will miss u &think of u every duck season. .goodbye MR BOB LUV RUSTY WALDEN NEWNAN GA

RUSTY WALDEN - July 18, 2019 at 10:14 AM



“ *Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert "Bob" Bruce Newkirk Sr..*



July 17, 2019 at 10:58 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert "Bob" Bruce Newkirk Sr..*



July 17, 2019 at 11:44 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert "Bob" Bruce Newkirk Sr..*



July 17, 2019 at 11:02 AM



“ *Leslie M. purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of Mr. Robert "Bob" Bruce Newkirk Sr..*



Leslie M. - July 17, 2019 at 08:29 AM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert "Bob" Bruce Newkirk Sr..*



July 16, 2019 at 08:20 PM



“ *Our prayers are with you during this difficult time. It's always so hard to lose a father. May you find peace in the coming days and stay strong as a family. Jim and Robin Elias.*

Robin Elias - July 16, 2019 at 07:22 PM