



William "Billy" Truslow Newman, IV

July 17, 1958 - December 2, 2021

Billy Newman was a husband, father, son, brother and friend. He was an artist, a Scout leader, a teacher, and an outdoorsman. Billy was happiest outside, hiking or taking the photos that would mesmerize us with his depictions of otherworldly beauty. He loved to be in nature, exploring and connecting with God's creation.

Billy had a deep drive to create. His passion was photography. Anyone who has seen Billy's artwork knows it is beyond the simple classification of "photography." He somehow merged reality with magic, and what he produced were depictions of beauty and wonder that the rest of us couldn't see until he showed us. The world Billy revealed in his photography was the world that Billy really saw. Which explains the look of love Billy always had for everyone in his life. Billy saw the true beauty in all of us, the beauty that we tend to overlook in ourselves. Billy's art expressed everything he has always wanted to communicate and share, especially where his spoken words tended to fail him.

Billy's strong drive also extended to a love of physical work and perseverance. Hard, challenging, manual work. "Dig through rock-hard soil just to find a thick root, then force yourself through a layer of rock" work, and for Billy, when he would get to that layer of rock, the fun had just begun. He said it was to his great disappointment that he was born too late in the century to lay a railroad or build a dam. He made up for that with marathons, triathalons, and daily work outs. He was so fit that he won the Fear Factor contest at Universal three times, the latest at 59 years old.

In contrast to his strength and tenacity was his gentle, patient and kind spirit. Billy never raised his voice or lost his temper, and only very rarely showed any anger. Billy did not keep score, compare servings, or hold grudges. Maybe this is related to the beauty he could see that others couldn't – but Billy loved more fully than most and forgive more easily. His patience was nearly endless, as he heroically displayed in the last year of his life battling ALS. In the end, Billy said his greatest gift had been the love he had for the loves of his life: his wife Katie, and his children, William and Rebecca.

Billy is predeceased by his father William Truslow (Bill) Newman of Atlanta, Georgia. He is survived by his wife, Kathleen (Katie) McBride Newman of Newnan, GA, his children Rebecca Sloan Friedman (Cameron) of Brooklyn, NY, and William Truslow Newman of Lincoln, NE, his stepchildren Jack Riley Camp and India Elizabeth Camp of Newnan, GA, his mother Miriam Arnold Newman DeHority, of Hobe Sound, FL, his brother David Arnold Newman (Janet) of Maryland, and his niece, nephew, and grand-nephew.

Billy believed that art is what makes life worth living so the family has requested donations in lieu of flowers in Billy's memory to Backstreet Community Arts of Newnan, Georgia, an organization that Billy truly admired. You may give online: <https://www.backstreetart.org/support-opportunities/donate/> or mail a check, made payable to Backstreet Arts, 19-B First Avenue, Newnan, GA 30263. Please note "in memory of Billy Newman" in special instructions online or on the check.

Condolences may be expressed online at www.mckoon.com

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory (770) 253-4580

Cemetery

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38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA, 30263

Events

DEC **Visitation** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

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McKoon Funeral Home
38 Jackson Street, Newnan, GA, US, 30263

DEC **Memorial Service** 03:00PM - 04:00PM

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St. Paul's Episcopal Church
576 Roscoe Road, Newnan, GA, US, 30263

Comments



“ My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. A wonderful person and so talented. My tribute has been sent to Backstreet Community Arts. May Peace be With You.

Carol Holden

Kasey Fabrizi

Mary Scott Fabrizi

Carol Holden - December 07, 2021 at 06:38 PM



“ Billy Newman is one of the good guys. Always kind & ready to give positive advice to anyone seeking help. His contribution to the Heritage School has been immeasurable. As an artist he pushed the envelope. “A bright light”, sure to be missed by many.

Greg Blair - December 07, 2021 at 10:29 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of William "Billy" Truslow Newman, IV.



December 07, 2021 at 08:58 AM



“ Getting to know Billy over the last six months has been a true blessing. I was lucky enough to help him finish up some projects in his studio. Printmaking is something that I had never done before and I am still amazed at how great of a teacher Billy was to me. I learned so much from him. I knew after graduating High School that I wanted to be a photographer so being able to work with Billy right out of school was the most amazing thing. He made my art work improve so much. He was especially helpful to me during my first quarter at SCAD. I loved spending time with him as much as I could. He was the most kind, patient, and creative soul I have ever met. We had lots of fun together. We shared many laughs and loved to blast the stereo while we worked. I will miss working with him every week, but I will cherish all of the time I had with him.



Skylar Weeks - December 04, 2021 at 09:41 PM



“ Thank you for sharing this sweet memory of my dad. I know how much he loved teaching and appreciated your help.

Rebecca Newman - December 05, 2021 at 11:37 AM



“ I did not know Billy, but I have heard wonderful things about him. Wish I could have seen some of his paintings. I send my thoughts and prayers out to Katie and her family.

Merrill Cornay - December 04, 2021 at 03:15 PM



“ Mark and Tracie purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of William "Billy" Truslow Newman, IV.



Mark and Tracie - December 04, 2021 at 01:56 PM



“ Billy was a smart & passionate teacher and a kind and gentle man. He will be missed.

Jan Fields - December 03, 2021 at 10:05 PM



“ I only met Billy once. It was earlier this year. My family was looking to sell the handicapped van that we had bought for my sister who passed in December 2020. His brother, David, met us at the house and brought Billy out to see the van. While David and my dad test drove the van, I stayed at the house with Billy. Our visit was only for a very short time, maybe less than 20 minutes, but I could certainly see how kindhearted and genuine he was. I am so sorry to read of his passing and will be praying for the family. I am blessed to have met him...if only for a few minutes this side of Heaven.

Kathy Sewell - December 03, 2021 at 09:50 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of William "Billy" Truslow Newman, IV.



December 03, 2021 at 07:22 PM



“ Billy was truly an angel and I feel blessed and honored to have known him. He was a special part of my life and always inspired me to be the best version of myself. I'll never forget him. My thoughts and prayers are with the family. May God comfort your hearts.

Stephanie R. Josie - December 03, 2021 at 06:46 PM



“ What a loss! Billy and I were roommates at EHS. A great soul and photographer.

Rob Young - December 03, 2021 at 06:41 PM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of William "Billy" Truslow Newman, IV.



December 03, 2021 at 05:31 PM



“ I am saddened to learn of Billy's passing. He was a kind soul and inspirational artist. My prayers go out to his family during this difficult time.



Karen Hurd - December 03, 2021 at 05:03 PM



“ Praying for your family.
Billy was truly one of a kind.
He showed unconditional friendship.
We are all blessed to have known him.



Rev. BettyJean Bowers - December 03, 2021 at 04:26 PM



“ Skylar Weeks lit a candle in memory of William "Billy" Truslow Newman, IV



Skylar Weeks - December 03, 2021 at 03:28 PM