



Steven Matthew Newman

May 9, 1972 - July 10, 2010

On July 10, 2010, a wonderful, loving man went to heaven. Steve was born May 9, 1972 in Nigeria, West Africa to John and Bonnie Newman, translators with Wycliffe Bible Translators. He learned the local language and had Nigerian friends. He was educated in Newberg, Oregon, Sudan and Kenya. He graduated from Newberg High School in 1990, Oregon State University in 1994, and Northwestern School of Law, Lewis and Clark in 1997. He practiced law on the island of Saipan as a law clerk and then as legal counsel to the governor from 1999 to 2008. In 2003 he and Olive Malet were married in Saipan. In 2008 they moved to Guam where he worked as Assistant Attorney General for Civil Affairs. Steve enjoyed family, playing golf, and running marathons. He and Olive attended St. Anthony Catholic Church. Steve is survived by his wife Olive, his parents, John and Bonnie of Newberg; his sister Beth Newman of Newberg; his brother Dan Newman of Newberg; many nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles, and those who have come to know and appreciate him where he has lived and worked. His Memorial Service will be Saturday, July 17, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. in Attrell's Newberg Funeral Chapel, a Golden Rule Funeral Home, with Pastor Dick Sartwell officiating. Chapel Viewing and Visitation hours are Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Online condolences may be made at www.attrells.com A private committal will be held at Valley View Memorial Park in Newberg.

Tribute Wall

KG

“ Dear Mr. & Mrs. John Newman: I'm still shocked of the sudden loss of a wonderful man, your son, Steve. That is why I was able to find this site, just because I still think of how Steve touched so many people. I met Steve & Olive through a co-worker/friend when they were considering buying a home. I was their realtor for the purchase of their home in Canada Barrigada and felt we had become friends while spending much time together. Steve was such a kind, polite, soft-spoken gentleman. He just stood out because of his wonderful, caring nature. I did attend the mass on Guam for Steve. I just wanted to tell you what a great person Steve was and send my condolences to you and the other family members. God bless you all!

Kathy Beleno - Guam - August 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PG

“ Dear Mr. and Mrs. Newman: I would like to express my condolences to you and your family on the death of Steve. He was a good and humble man and I have a lot of respect for him. I was close to him. I will miss him. I worked for Steve as a legal assistant during Governor Babauta's Administration here on Saipan and further worked with him after he had left the government as associate counsel for the law firm of former Judge Edward Manibusan on the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation matters. Steve and I communicated by phone, text and e-mail three consecutive days just before he left Guam on July 5th. His first contact was 3:30 a.m. on July 1st by text. He told me that he was out sick for three days; he will have a conference call at 5:00 a.m. that morning and asked that I call him at 8:00 a.m. on same day. So I did and we talked. Subsequently, he text, e-mailed and called several times for the next three days before his departure. One of the things he mentioned to me on Saturday night, July 3rd (our last communication) was that if he dies, he wanted to be buried in Africa because he was born and raised there. He has always told me that when I was working for him. He told me that he's close to his African nanny. Mr. and Mrs. Newman, I am really sorry for expressing my condolences late but I still could not believe that Steve is gone. Also, I apologize for sharing Steve's last communication with me but I thought you would like to know and don't mind it. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. With Sympathy, Patricia Guerrero P. O. Box 501664 Saipan, MP 96950-1664 ((670) 288-7284 patg.saipan@gmail.com

Patricia Guerrero - July 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ We would like to offer our sincere condolences to the family. We knew Steve on Guam and had a number of mutual friends. I remember him talking about the uniqueness of his childhood. We will remember him fondly. I know from our talks that Steve was a believer in Jesus Christ, no doubt as a result of his parents teaching. There is comfort in this. I believe God has a special place for those who struggle here. We know that there are no words that can ease your pain and saying we are sorry seems so inadequate. We can and will pray for you during this time of sorrow. Sincerely John and Nora Cruikshank Guam Romans 8: 38-39 38 For I am persuaded , that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present , nor things to come , 39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord

John & Nora Cruikshank - July 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ I always enjoyed Steve's company. I worked with him on environmental cases and saw him often at the Paradise Gym. He was bright, easy to talk to and had a good sense of humor. I appreciate that he was very conscientious but did not take himself too seriously. I will miss him! -Mikel

Mikel W. Schwab - July 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ I was very saddened to hear of Steve's passing. I just saw him the week before he passed away, crossing the street from the mom-and-pop store across his house. We lived close to each other, less than a quarter mile. We both worked at the Attorney General's Office in Guam. I worked in Child Support Division and Steve was in the Civil Division. We attended the same church on Sunday -- San Ramon Chapel. I would see him and Olive after mass and he was always very friendly and would come up to me to say hello. When I didn't see him at church, I would ask him why he wasn't there. He would say that he went golfing on Sunday so he attended mass on Saturday. The last time I saw him was on a weekend about 2 weeks before he died. He was in his yard with about 4 or 5 hired hands pulling weeds and mowing the lawn. Steve was a very kind man. He was quiet but you could tell he had a very good heart. I know he's in heaven looking down on us and smiling. May the good lord keep you in his heart, Steve. Until we meet again ... Bobbi Cepeda

Bobbi Cepeda - July 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Dear John, Bonnie, Beth and Dan--the ones of your dear family that we know. Carolyn joins me in expressing our deep sadness in your loss of Steve recently. It's hard to say any of us have suffering all figured out, but I have become increasingly certain that the Lord Jesus stands with us--or we stand with him--as we share in suffering. He is with us through the process and sadness. "And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your heart and your minds in Christ Jesus." We have been out of town, so our condolences arrive late. God bless you all. Ron and Carolyn Stansell

Ron and Carolyn Stansell - July 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Olive, Bonnie, John, Dan and Beth, On behalf of all of the staff of the Office of the Attorney General and for myself and Liza, we send our prayers and our condolences on the loss of Steve. Everybody liked Steve. He was always a pleasure to be with and easy to work with. He is missed greatly. May God bless your family and heal your pain and loss. And may God speed Steve to His eternal reward. Please do not hesitate to let me know what I can do to assist you in any way. John Weisenberger, Attorney General of Guam.

John Weisenberger - July 19, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ Newman Family: I was saddened to read in the Graphic of Steven's passing. I have funny and fond memories of Danny as my Kindergarten student and have been impressed with your commitment to your family and your ministry. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family, and Steven's family during this difficult time. Randy Comfort Spring Arbor, Michigan

Randy Comfort - July 19, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ I met Steve in London in 1993 while going to Fall term in the NICSA program. Our homestays were located at the very end of the Northern Line, High Barnet, so we spent many an hour traveling and talking and studying together. I am so sorry to hear of his passing as he will always remain a tried and true friend.

Laura Wieden - July 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DV

“ We are so sorry to have heard this news. Please accept our heartfelt sympathy. We will be in prayer for you and your family.

David and Linda Venable - July 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BJ

“ Bonnie & John, We were so saddened to hear of your son's death. I (Brenda) remember hearing you speak of his work and doings when we worked at NCH together, Bonnie. Our hearts go out to you at this time. Sincerely, Brenda & Bill

Brenda & Bill Jolliff - July 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ Dear Newman Family, I was shocked to hear of Steve's death from a mutual friend as I was travelling through Guam to the Republic of Palau. I met Steve in Norway where we both studied for a summer in law school, and then when I moved to Portland from Minnesota to finish law school we became closer friends. Eventually, Steve would help me to get my first legal job as a clerk in Saipan with the same judge whom he had clerked for, Juan T. Lizama. I lost touch with Steve after I left Saipan, but I did meet Olive before I left, and I remember her being a very kind and gentle soul who cared alot for Steve. I was happy to hear that they had married, and hoped that they would have a very long happy life together. I'm so sorry that it was cut short by this tradgedy. I wish you all of the blessings and comfort that you can find in your memories of Steve, and may God give you comfort in your time of grief. I'm very sorry for your loss. If I can be of any service at all, please contact me. God Bless, Mark Jespersion

Mark Jespersion - July 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ To the family of Steven M. Newman Our heartfelt condolences and thank you Dad and Mom Newman, for a great job, for making your son such a wonderful person, who's so caring and a loving husband to my cousin, Olive, we will surely miss you, Steve.....a life worth living

Len Malit-delos Santos - July 15, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ M/M. Newman & Families: I am a fairly new employee with the Office of the Attorney General of Guam, Civil/Solicitor Division. I would like to take this time and opportunity to convey my most heartfelt condolences to you all. I've only been acquainted with Steve a short time, and the news of his passing came as an unexpected shock and has truly brought much sadness and emptiness. He was hardworking, kind, and always made me feel appreciative of every new day. I will truly miss him, his presence and smiles, as will all who knew him. Sincerely, Janett T. Gozalo

Janett T. Gozalo - July 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ My heartfelt condolences go out to the Newman family. Steve was one in a million. He always had such positive energy. So positive that it influenced many to see things in that way, even if they were the opposite. I am lucky to have known him. Saipanese on Guam miss you Steve!

Anna Marie Pangelinan - July 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ Please accept my deepest condolences. I worked with Steve at the Civil Litigation/Solicitors Division and he will be dearly missed. I will pray for him and the entire Newman Family. V/r, Bryan

Bryan Cruz - July 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ My condolences to the Newman Family. I was sadden to hear of his passing; he will be greatly missed! I had the pleasure of working with Steve as our Legal Counsel for the Dept. of Land Management, and to the Guam Land Use Commission. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Sincerely, Terry Toves

Mrs. Terry Toves - July 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM