



Russell Newburn

May 12, 1938 - June 28, 2017

Russell Newburn, 79, of Alliance, died on Wednesday, June 28, 2017, at 3:25 p.m. at Alliance Community Hospital in Alliance, Ohio.

Born on May 12, 1938 in Alliance, Ohio to Harry and Marie (Zumbrennen) Newburn, he was a life resident of the Alliance area.

A 1956 graduate of Alliance High School, Mr. Newburn was graduated from Mount Union College in 1960 with a Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education and from Ashland College in 1981 with a Master of Education degree. His music teachers included Miss Fern Miller, piano, Mr. F. Broadus Staley, organ, and Miss Eva Lee Sackett, music theory and choral singing.

A career school teacher, Mr. Newburn retired in 1991 after thirty-two years of service in the Marlington Local School District.

He was currently a member of First Immanuel United Church of Christ, where he was currently serving as Director of Choirs, a position which he has held since 2007.

He previously was a member for many years at Science Hill United Church of Christ and served as choir director and organist for many years. He also served as the director of handbells from 1989 - 2006. He was also the choir director and organist for the Vine Street United Methodist Church from 1972-2002.

Mr. Newburn is a member of the Alliance Alumni Chapter of Mu Phi Epsilon, the Canton Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, and the Musicians National Network of the United Church of Christ.

He is also an active member of the Alliance Kiwanis Club, the Alliance Music Study Club, Alliance Area Retired Teachers Association, and the Alliance Area Concert Association.

He enjoyed reading, traveling, history and genealogy.

He is survived by a son, Timothy Phlieger of Alliance; three grandchildren; a sister, Barbara (Richard) Fryan of Green Valley, AZ; a brother, Kenneth Newburn of Alliance; a sister, Joyce (Jack) Cleghorn of CA; and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were his parents; and a sister, Frances Aikens.

The family will receive friends at Walton-Schrader Funeral Home on Wednesday, July 5, 2017, from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

His Funeral Services will be held at First Immanuel United Church of Christ on Thursday, July 6, 2017, at 11:00 am. with Neal Mann officiating. Interment will immediately follow at Fairmount Memorial Park.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First Immanuel United Church of Christ, 208 E. Oxford St., Alliance, OH 44601; or to the Alliance Kiwanis Club, c/o Jim Perone, 738 Bonnieview Ave., Alliance, OH 44601.

Arrangements are by the Walton-Schrader Funeral Home, 1131 West State Street, Alliance, Ohio 44601. This obituary may be viewed and condolences may be sent to the family online at www.waltonshradefuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Fairmount Memorial Park

4199 South Union Avenue
Alliance, OH 44601

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 5. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Walton-Schrader Funeral Home
1131 West State Street
Alliance, OH 44601
(330) 823-9169

Service

JUL 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Immanuel United Church of Christ
208 E Oxford St
Alliance, OH 44601

Tribute Wall



“ *Russell Newburn*

October 04, 2023 at 05:05 PM



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Jackie and Mike Fryan - September 07, 2017 at 08:27 PM



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Jackie and Mike Fryan - September 07, 2017 at 08:24 PM



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Jackie and Mike Fryan - September 07, 2017 at 08:22 PM

JG

“ Honestly did not know 'Rus' well, but met him while visiting the old Shafer's Diner. Rus remembered my dad as he too was the Secretary of the Alliance Kiwanis Club! Sorry to hear of his passing.

Joe Grabiell - August 28, 2017 at 08:55 AM

TF

“ To the family,
We grew up as neighbors, played together, and went to school together. Good memories were had by all. We will always remember Russell, his wonderful parents and siblings. Blessings to all Trudy (Moulin) Friedrich

Trudy Friedrich - July 30, 2017 at 04:15 PM

CC

“ Russell was a long standing member of the Church and Synagogue Library Association and was president in 1994. He came to the annual conference last year in Ohio and we all enjoyed sharing past history moments together. We will all miss him. Our sympathy to his entire family.

Carol Campbell - July 08, 2017 at 10:44 AM

PD

“ Sending my condolences to all of Russell's family. Knew him well from Vine Street United Methodist Church when he was the Choir Director. Always pleasant and we always had such a good time in Choir when he was there. God be with all of you.



Pam DeMuth - July 05, 2017 at 05:35 PM

MM

“ Russell was always present at family reunions which he seemed to always enjoy. I don't think I ever saw him without a smile on his face. after hearing his passing, I took out the college dictionary he gave me for graduation to read his congratulations that he wrote in it. It will always remind me of him. My condolences, Mike Miller

Mike Miller - July 05, 2017 at 12:44 PM

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“ 4 files added to the album Russell in Germany 2008



The Rev. Dr. Daniel Grimminger, Ph.D., D - July 02, 2017 at 10:53 PM

CA

“ Mr. Newburn was my 5th grade teacher back in 1960. He was a kind, smart and dedicated teacher. I know my wonderful, sainted mom probably drove him crazy over teacher conferences about my math progress (or lack thereof!). I remember that he held a mock election in our room over the presidential election. (Nixon won) It was years later that I found out he had a great sense of humor, and was dedicated to his home town. Rest in peace, Mr. Newburn.

Carolyn - July 01, 2017 at 07:45 AM

EM

Our sympathy and prayers for the family during this difficult time.

Eileen Mathews - July 01, 2017 at 12:36 PM

TD

Russell was one of those people who everyone enjoyed being around because he was kind and gentle, always took an interest in others, and was a man of quiet wisdom. I knew Russell from MuPhiEpsilon, but I also was fortunate enough that he went on one of the European tours that I led in Northern Germany. He was a lot of fun!

More importantly, Russell had a deep Faith in Christ and loved his German Reformed ancestry, two things we had in common. I will always remember Russell as my good friend.

Until all of the Saints rise, rest in peace, Russell.

*Pastor Daniel Jay Grimminger, Ph.D.
Evangelical Lutheran Pastor and Musicologist
Louisville, Ohio*

The Rev. Dr. Daniel Grimminger, Ph.D., D - July 02, 2017 at 10:42 PM

SA

Russell was one in a million! He was a good friend of our family, our school teacher, and I also got to teach with him at the middle school for a short time. We always played piano duets and it seemed like the laughter was always unending. He was committed to Christ, his family and his friends and I am so much the richer for having known him.

"Well done, thou good and faithful servant"

Shelly Aebi

Shelly Aebi - July 05, 2017 at 03:26 PM