



## Mr. William Robert Newell

March 19, 1948 - December 14, 2023

William "Bill" Robert Newell passed away on December 14, 2023, at the age of 75, at his home in Mobile, AL. Known as "Butch" in his younger days, Bill was born in Springfield, Ohio, on March 19, 1948, to parents Robert Ivan Newell and Thelma Overholser Newell, both deceased. He graduated from Northeastern Senior High School on June 9, 1966.

Mr. Newell served as a sailor in the Navy during the Vietnam War, earning a Commendation Medal and several citations over his four years of service. Bill then transitioned his naval experience into a career in shipbuilding, working for Bender Shipbuilding & Repair, Inc.

Bill's 26-year marriage to his wife, Donna, blossomed from their shared love of music. Initially learning to play the accordion at his parents' urging, Bill was more renowned as a bass guitar player, both in his church and the greater Mobile music scene.

He is survived by his wife, Donna Montgomery Newell; ex-wife Barbara Cox Kennedy; children Lawrence "Larry," Robert "Rob," Kari Newell Carter, Christopher Anderson, and Jeremy Anderson; grandchildren (by Larry) Ashley Newell Beck, Brinkley Newell Pierce, (by Kari) Laine Carter, (by Christopher) Gabriel Bates, Hailey Anderson, and (by Jeremy) Colin Anderson; nine great-grandchildren; and siblings Shane and Jan Newell Ewers. He was preceded in death by his siblings Kevin and Kathleen Newell Wallace.

The graveside military salute will be at 9 am on January 5, 2024, at the Alabama State Veterans Memorial Cemetery at Spanish Fort. A memorial will

be held for him on the same day at 11 am at Covenant Church in Mobile.

In lieu of flowers, the family wishes donations to be made to Covenant Church for the CCS Benevolence fund. Donations can be made online at <https://covenantmobile.com/> or checks mailed to Covenant Church of Mobile, 7150 Hitt Rd, Mobile, AL 36695.