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Michael Y. Newman, 64

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HENDERSONVILLE — Michael Y. Newman, 64, of Hendersonville, went to be with the Lord on Monday, June 6, 2011, after fighting a courageous battle for more than twenty years with multiple sclerosis.

He was born Nov. 9, 1946, in Louisville, Ky., to William and Connie Newman of Asheville and Highlands, N.C.

He was a graduate of the University of Alabama, where he was a member of the Alabama Alpha Chapter of Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity and served as its president. Upon graduation, he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the United States Army and served in the Signal Corp during the Vietnam War, receiving a Purple Heart and ended his career as captain.

A longtime resident of Fort Myers, Fla., Mike and his father founded Newman Oil Company and Newman's Gas n' Shop Convenience stores. During his business career in Fort Myers, Mike was active in the community. He was a member of the Downtown Fort Myers Rotary Club, as well as the Hendersonville Rotary Club and was a Paul Harris Fellow recipient.

Prior to the onset of multiple sclerosis, Mike was an avid fisherman, boater and golfer. He also enjoyed the beautiful mountains of Western North Carolina.

In addition to his parents, Mike is survived by his loving wife, Janet; one son, Andrew; one brother, Steve and his wife, Wendy, and their children; one stepson, Scott Moorey and his wife, Sara, and their children; two brothers-in-law, David and Jack Schroeder; along with several nieces and nephews. He will also be missed by his loving care givers and dear friends.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday at Grace Lutheran Church, 1245 Sixth Ave. W., Hendersonville, NC 28739. The family will receive friends following the service at the church in the reception hall. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the local hospice, Four Seasons, Compassion for Life, 571 S. Allen Road, Flat Rock, NC 28731. An online register book is available for family and friends by visiting www.thosshepherd.com.

Thos. Shepherd & Son Funeral Directors and Cremation Memorial Center is in charge of the arrangements.

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