



## Noel Matson Newgord

August 8, 1933 - May 17, 2023

Noel Matson Newgord (89), born in Goodell, Iowa on August 8, 1933, left the cornfields of Iowa to live a full life but never forget his hometown, family and friends. He was the son of Harry M. and Alva (Matson) Newgord. Noel passed away from a very aggressive cancer on May 17, 2023 at Ascension Hospital, Racine, WI with his wife and two sons at his bedside.

Noel graduated from Goodell High School (1951) and earned an Associate of Arts Degree (1953) from Waldorf College, Forest City, IA. Noel served in the United States Army from 1954-1956 and was assigned to the Adjunct General Division of Headquarters United States Army Europe stationed in Heidelberg, Germany for eighteen months. His time in Germany offered him the opportunity to visit European sites, unimaginable while growing up in North Central Iowa. Following his military service, he earned his Bachelor of Science degree from Macalester College in St. Paul, MN (1958) and his Masters Degree in Business Education (1969) from Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL. Noel moved to Racine, WI in 1959 to begin his teaching career and taught business education courses for 31 years at Washington, Gilmore and Jerstad Agerholm Junior High Schools; retiring in 1990.

On July 6, 1963, Noel married Donna Kuhl who was a first-year art teacher at Washington Junior High School. They have two sons, Kurt M. Newgord of Racine, WI and Gary E. Newgord (Kelly) of Austin, TX. As a family, they travelled the United States and as the boys graduated from college they began their world travels; having visited 50 countries. Noel and sons built

model cars and rockets, attended drag racing events with neighbor boys, concerts and ball games. He was a proud grandfather (Grandpa Doodle and Grandpoop) of three special grandchildren – Soren, Odin and Marlo.

Noel became a Chicago Cubs fan in 1945 and was an avid Iowa Hawkeyes fan for life. During his boy's adolescent years he coached their softball teams. Noel did extensive volunteering as president of the Kiwanis Club of West Racine, giving his time at Real Racine, and for 17-18 years he organized the Downtown Parish Food and Clothing Bank.

During the past ten years he has been collecting signed baseball pictures which filled his days researching, plus reading WWII history and political history books.

“Noel was one of a kind! A man of humor, love, kindness and intelligence.”

Noel is survived by his loving wife Donna and his two sons and families, his sister, Mildred Quanrud, Rochester, MN; nephew David Quanrud (Jean), Tuscon, AZ, and Janet Kuhl, sister-in-law, Racine and many relatives scattered across the USA, three special friends – John, Dick and Larry, plus his special church family at Sacred Journeys Spiritual Community. We wish to thank Dr. Jerry Hardacre, Dr. Michael Ansani, Dr. Diana Turner and the many wonderful nurses for providing special care for Noel while at Ascension Hospital, Racine.

Memorial remembrances can be made to the following local charities – Healthcare Network, Racine Public Library, Homeless Assistance Leadership Organization, H.A.L.O., Racine Theatre Guild and the Racine Heritage Museum. A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, July 1 from 1:00 - 5:00pm. at the Newgord's residence, 2610 Markridge Dr. Mt. Pleasant, WI 53405.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Jim and I worked with Noel for many years and know Donna from AAUW and connected with both of them at Sacred Journey. Such kind and gentle spirits.  
We wish Donna well as she adjusts to this phase of her life.

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**Connie Molbeck** - July 01, 2023 at 11:29 AM

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“ I will miss my cousin Noel so much. He was a great conversationalist and listener. He was very witty, and we had many talks together over the phone. When I visited from Philadelphia he took the time to show me all around Racine . I loved Noel and Donna's Midwestern accent as i grew up in Beloit and missed it. He loved his family and traveling in Europe with Donna.  
My thoughts and prayers go out to the whole family at this difficult time. One of the last things he told me was that he loved looking out the big picture window in his bedroom at the trees, flowers, and birds, and nature. Maybe is enjoying that beauty now. Love, Marcia

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**Marcia Stacy** - May 25, 2023 at 11:38 AM