



## Mr. James William Newman Sr.

May 26, 1924 - June 17, 2015

### The Journey:

James William Newman Sr. was born May 26, 1924 in Fidler, Mississippi, to William McKinley Newman, and Alberta Mitchell.

James accepted Christ at an early age.

James was educated in the Catholic school system and graduated with an 8th grade diploma. He also attended vocational school where he received certification as a welder. He furthered his education as an adult, in the Detroit school system.

James enlisted in the U. S. Navy at the tender age of 17 where he served in World War II for two years, nine months and 26 days as a First Class Cook. James was very proud to have been in the service, and often spoke of his experiences and life lessons during that time.

James was employed as a farmer, and he worked for an ice cream company. Upon moving to Detroit, Michigan in 1950, he was gainfully employed at Chrysler Corporation as a welder, and retired in October 1980.

During his tenure with Chrysler, he served as a union steward, which he continued after retirement for over another 25 years.

As a union retiree, he served as a Sargent of Arms, and Chaplain. James also held various occupations to make sure his family was well taken care of. He has worked for the city of Detroit and U.S. Postal office, as well as being an attendant at a gas station.

James was joined in holy matrimony to Joanna Carzetta Newman on May 26, 1946. They were blessed to celebrate 69 years of marriage. Unto this union nine children were born.

James was an avid leader in the community, and received many awards, including a Community Service Award from the Mayor's Office. He enjoyed, baseball, fishing, gardening, and landscaping and working on cars to name a few. He loved playing cards, and all sorts of games. He was very active in his beloved church Bethel Temple Missionary Baptist Church, where he served as an usher, Sunday School Teacher, and Superintendent, Deacon, and Senior Trustee. His name is on the church cornerstone. He will always be remembered for his family prayers, which included the family history.

He departed his life Wednesday June 17, 2015.

# Cemetery Details

## Great Lakes National Cemetery

4200 Belford Rd.  
Holly, MI 48442

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. James William Newman Sr.*

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