



## Beverly Jean "Sam" Newman

September 12, 1946 - December 17, 2025

Sam Newman, age 79 of Oklahoma City, and formerly of Purcell, passed away Wednesday December 17, 2025 at OU Medical Center. Beverly Jean Brown was born September 12, 1946 in Cisco, TX, the 2nd of 6 children born to Johnnie Ben Brown and Nora Irene (Langston) Brown. Like most in this time, the Brown family followed work and Beverly spent her early years between Texas and the west coast. She and her family eventually found their way to Oklahoma, settling in Norman. Now a young mother, she worked alongside her mother Irene as a waitress at the Town Tavern on Campus Corner. It was here, she earned her nickname "Sam", a name she has carried since. Sam found love again with Bill Newman. They were married November 30, 1984 and made their home in Purcell. Sam worked for the Oklahoma Tax Commission for a time, and as a book keeper at Napa Auto Parts. Her greatest joy was being a wife and mother, and she was never happier than the day she became a Grandma. She stayed busy volunteering at the Dale Graham Veterans Center and never missed an opportunity to go shopping. She loved her friends at church, her neighbors, and she loved the ladies in her Sunday School class at Brookwood Baptist Church. She was an excellent baker and always looked forward to entertaining family and friends. She will be dearly missed!

She was preceded in death by: her son, Jim John Newman; grandson, Richard Alan Finch Jr; great granddaughter, Elsie Birnie; her husband, Bill

Newman; parents, Johnnie and Irene Brown and siblings, Sandy Czesztyicki, Janice Brown, John Robert Brown and Jimmy Ray Brown.

Sam is survived by: her children, Nakia Birnie and husband Robbie of Ada, Jerry Thompson and wife Renee of Sachse, TX, Ricky Thompson of Texas and Kenny Thompson of Moore; sister, Norma Beason of Lexington; 8 grandchildren, Kyle Thompson, Chris Thompson, Cory Thompson, Landon Thompson, Riddell Thompson, Zachary Brown and his wife Lisa, Caitlyn Birnie, and Hunter Birnie and his wife Riley; 9 great grandchildren, Vincent, Nolan, Emerson, Asher, Kaylee, Julia, Christian, Brooklyn and Gunner; and a host of other family and friends.

A Celebration of Life Memorial is scheduled for 1:00 P.M. Friday, January 9, 2025 at Brookwood Baptist Church, 8921 S. Walker, OKC, OK, 73139.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JAN 9. 1:00 PM (CT)

Brookwood Baptist Church  
8921 S Walker Ave  
Oklahoma City, OK 73139

# Tribute Wall

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“ I am so saddened to hear of the passing of Sam. We became friends as she shopped at our store at J. C. Penney. I have enjoyed getting to know her over the years. And she holds a special place in my heart. I'm so sad to hear of her passing. May she rest in peace, my dear friend

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**Laura Favaloro** - January 03 at 08:35 PM

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“ I was deeply saddened to hear of Sam's passing. She was such a cherished part of our foundation family, always bringing warmth and grace to the coffee bar on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Her kindness and elegance never went unnoticed—Sam was always dressed beautifully and carried herself with such poise.

*Beyond her volunteer work, Sam's long-standing friendship with Dale Graham spoke volumes about her loyalty and heart. She touched so many lives here, and her presence has been greatly missed.*

*Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. Sam's memory will remain a blessing to all of us.*

*With deepest sympathy,*

*Felita Al-Qawi*

*Dale K. Graham Veterans Foundation*

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**Dale K. Graham Veterans Foundation** - December 23, 2025 at 11:10 AM

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“ Sad to hear of “Sam’s” passing. As a neighbor of only two years we enjoyed the visits and getting to know each other. She was a sweet lady and we are going to miss her. Praying God will comfort her family in a way only He can.

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**Norman and Maryann Orr** - December 20, 2025 at 09:24 AM