



Naomi L. Neuenswander

June 3, 1947 - April 24, 2025

Naomi L. Anderson Neuenswander, 77, went home to be with her Lord early Thursday morning, April 24, 2025, while hospitalized in Hammond La. Naomi is survived by her husband Paul and daughter, Kimberly. She is also survived by a host of loving friends and family members.

“Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.” (Psalm 116:15)

She was preceded in death by her parents, Virgil and Irene Anderson and in laws, Revs. Glen and Margaret Neuenswander; her beloved brothers and sister: A.V. Anderson, Ronnie Anderson, and Dwight Anderson, and Carolyn Ganz. Naomi lost several children prematurely who are waiting for her in Heaven.

Naomi grew up in Robert / Ponchatoula and graduated from Ponchatoula High School. She was known for her beautiful soprano voice and God given musical talent – and especially for singing “Danny Boy” for school events. She went to work the day after she graduated high school at First Guaranty Bank where her attention to detail, strong work ethic, and personable interactions stood out. Naomi loved children! (especially her nieces and nephews), beautiful clothes and hairstyles, and gospel music. She was independent minded and strong spirited – but humble and forgiving in how she viewed others. She cared deeply for those in need – going out of her way to attend to

the needs of family members and anyone she could encourage.

In 1969, mutual friends/cousins introduced her to a handsome, Elvis look alike, guitar playing reserve airman who was stationed at Biloxi- he took one listen to the beautiful redhead playing the piano and singing “I’m a poor rich man” and was hooked for life. Paul and Naomi were married on January 1, 1971. Their love for the Lord, family, music, and the simple blessings of life bound them closely for over 54 years. Together, they lived in multiple states and participated in several church bodies – always personified by their loving hearts and generous giving. They doted on their 1 daughter (but Naomi was determined she would not be “spoiled”) - nourishing her spiritual, musical, and educational life. Naomi lavished affection and love on her family. She enjoyed cooking and baking - making and gifting many dozens of Christmas cookies every year. She was happiest creating and tending her flower beds and keeping up her manicured yards. Her home and her heart shined God’s grace.

In April of 2000, Naomi survived an unexpected catastrophic stroke. Her life (and her family’s life) changed drastically – becoming focused on therapies and adjusting to disability. She needed to use a wheelchair and depend on others for care – and her effortless singing was challenged by neurological deficits. While honestly grieving these losses, Naomi’s resilience and faith strengthened her in difficult times. She leaned hard on the Lord, acknowledging “I can’t even walk without Him holding my hand”: and spent her confined days praying for others. Family and friends learned to seek out her prayers for their deepest needs. Naomi remained valuable and vibrant for 25 years post stroke up until her final day – reminding all who observed her life that God is good even in our struggles – and that our greatest humanity is revealed in how we give and receive care with love and mutuality. Naomi’s light and faithfulness will be forever remembered.

Naomi’s funeral will be held at her home church, The Bible Holiness Church,

24318 LA-22, Ponchatoula, LA 70454, on Saturday, May 3, 2025, from 11:00 a.m. until the start of the Funeral Service at 1:00 p.m. Interment will follow in Collins Cemetery.

While memorial flowers are lovely, Naomi's family would ask that more importantly you seek out ways to assist others in need, especially those with chronic illnesses and their caregivers – offer to lend a hand, bring a meal, or visit awhile to make long days more bearable. Honor Naomi's memory by "bearing one another's burdens."

Naomi's family would like to give special thanks to several individuals who especially assisted in her care over the years: Dr. Claude Gilbreath, Karen Heap (PT), Nellie Stanga, Ronette Anderson, and Elaine Hayden. The pastoral care of Revs. David Fogleman, Ray Cragun, and Darrell Stetler has been so appreciated. Many others prayed consistently for Naomi and loved us well – and we thank you. Kimberly Neuenswander honors her father who truly deserves the title of "Saint Paul" - his tender loving care truly reflects that of our Compassionate God.

Cemetery Details

Collins Cemetery

Ponchatoula, LA

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 3. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Bible Holiness Church
24318 LA-22
Ponchatoula, LA 70454

Funeral Service

MAY 3. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ STHS Spiritual Care purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Naomi L. Neuenswander.



STHS Spiritual Care - May 02, 2025 at 08:53 AM

BA

“ Barbara, Cheryl, and Angela purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Naomi L. Neuenswander.



Barbara, Cheryl, and Angela - May 01, 2025 at 03:51 PM

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“ Barbara, Cheryl, and Angela planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Naomi L. Neuenswander.

Barbara, Cheryl, and Angela - May 01, 2025 at 03:51 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Naomi L. Neuenswander.



April 30, 2025 at 03:15 PM



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“ I only know Kimberly thru our work together as Chaplains at STPH. She has been so dedicated to her Mom as well as her Dad. The compassion she shows at work you can just tell it goes home with her; for 25 years at the least. Today we pray for her Mom's peace that she now has with our Lord. And; for the peace that Kimberly and her Dad will have, may they rest a bit. Chaplain Mike

Mike Binnigs - April 30, 2025 at 07:34 AM



I was so saddened to hear of the death of Naomi. We graduated together at PHS in 1965. We also worked together for a short while. She was one of the sweetest ladies I ever knew always had the sweetest smile for everyone. She sang so beautifully at my wedding. God will certainly welcome her in heaven where she will join the heavenly choir. She was one of my dearest friends. May God bless the family she left behind and may God wrap his loving arms around you to help you get through this difficult time. I will be praying for her family.

SHARON COMPTON - May 01, 2025 at 02:01 AM



“ Cathy and I have enjoyed our friendship and fellowship with Paul, Naomi and Kimberly across the years! Our lives were blessed by Naomi's sweet attitude in her suffering and love of music. We honor Paul and Kimberly for your faithful and compassionate care for her for many years! Heaven is Sweeter! Can't wait to sing with her in the heavenly Choir! May the Lord Comfort you!

John & Cathy Parker - April 25, 2025 at 07:32 PM

JL

“ Words fail to describe the beauty and grace of Naomi and Paul so many years so much memory Paul our prayers and condolences are with you and your family. Naomi will be missed.. Paul, my friend move forward. God’s grace is sufficient. Jim Lemmons.

Jim Lemmons - April 25, 2025 at 04:37 PM