



## Christopher Mark Newton

November 2, 1955 - December 29, 2024

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Christopher Mark Newton on December 29, 2024, in Orlando, Florida. Mark was born on November 2, 1955, in Rochester, New York, as the youngest child of the late John Price Newton, Sr., and Ruth Dee Newton.

Mark's early years were spent in Newark, New York, before his family moved to Canada in 1958. He completed high school in Niagara Falls, Ontario, and relocated to Fort Myers Beach, Florida, with his parents in 1973. Mark earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering Design from University of Central Florida in Orlando, where he also met the love of his life, Pamela Smith. The couple married in February 1978, beginning a devoted partnership that spanned nearly five decades.

After college, Mark started his career as a Floor Processing Engineer at American Motors Corporation (later Jeep-AMC) in Perrysburg, Ohio. He later earned a master's degree from the Michigan State University and rose to become the Director of Small Car Platform Finance at Chrysler Headquarters in Detroit, Michigan. Mark retired in 2008 after an outstanding thirty-year career in the automotive industry.

In retirement, Mark and Pam returned to Florida, settling in Umatilla. Mark embraced his creative side, spending countless hours painting Florida coastal landscapes. He was passionate about basketball, muscle cars, and caring for the couple's cats, who brought him joy and comfort.

Mark is survived by his beloved wife, Pamela Smith Newton, of Umatilla,

Florida; his older brother, Charles W. Newton, of Gansevoort, New York; and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brothers, John Price Newton, Jr., and Paul Dee Newton.

A memorial service will be held on Monday, January 6, 2025, at 1:00 PM at Beyers Funeral Home, 279 S. Central Avenue, Umatilla, Florida. Inurnment will take place later in Newton Cemetery, Junius, New York.

The family extends their heartfelt gratitude to Mark's brother-in-law, Kirby Smith, and his wife, Teresa, for their loving care and assistance, as well as to cherished friends Chester and Dee Williams for their unwavering support during Mark's illness. Your kindness and generosity have meant the world to us.

Mark will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him. May his memory live on in the hearts of those he touched.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JAN 6. 1:00 PM (ET)

Beyers Funeral Home and Crematory - Umatilla  
279 South Central Avenue  
Umatilla, FL 32784  
(352) 669-2146

# Tribute Wall

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“ I am so sad to hear of Mark's passing. We had many interactions while working at AMC as well as Chrysler. He was a very helpful co-worker as well as a friend.  
Sorry for your loss Pam. May he rest in peace.  
Paul Kovceses

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**Paul Kovceses** - January 06, 2025 at 04:49 PM

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“ Mark and I shared many years of friendship and work collaboration . As couples he and Pam became our close social friends. We dined, worked on home projects and spent countless hours at each other homes. Over time My wife (Linda) and Pam became close friends as well. I have far too many memories to even begin to repost them here. Needless to say our lives were deeply intertwined for over 30 years. Mark will always be an important part of my life experience. so much so, that it was a common reference by many at AMC & Chrysler to refer to Newton & May in the same phrase.  
We will miss Mark but never forget him as a significant part of our lives. We will reach out to Pam and share memories drawn from our years together. Mark was a multitalented and hardworking man.

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**Jim May** - January 06, 2025 at 04:46 PM