



## Larry Hugh Ponder

February 9, 1950 - November 2, 2025

Larry Hugh Ponder, age 75, of Newport, passed away Sunday, November 2, 2025.

He was a member of Bridgeport Free Will Baptist Church and was a veteran having served in the United States Navy.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Hugh and Helen Ponder, and daughter, Callie Virginia Ponder.

He is survived by his wife Debra Ponder of Newport; son, Joe (Melissa) Ponder of Parrottsville; daughter, Tammy (Tyson) Palmer of Parrottsville; brother, Brian (Carrie) Lee of Corryton; sister, Linda (John) Lemming, of Stockbridge, GA; special brother, Danny (Betty) Coffey of Newport grandchildren, Jaydyn and Johannah Ponder, Makayla and Saydee Palmer; nephew and nieces, Joseph and Callie Lemming, Alicia, Jennifer and Kristin; also several other great nieces, great nephew; and a host of other family and friends.

The family will receive friends from 5 pm -7 pm Wednesday, November 5, 2025, with the funeral service following at 7:00 pm in Manes Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Tim Carson and Rev. Willie Winters officiating.

The family will gather at Manes Funeral Home at 9:30 am, Thursday, November 6, 2025 to go in procession to Union Cemetery for the 10:00 am Graveside service with Military Honors.

Family and friends may sign the guest register online at: [www.manesfuneralhome.com](http://www.manesfuneralhome.com).

Arrangements with Manes Funeral Home.

# Previous Events

## Receive Friends

NOV 5. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Manes Funeral Home Chapel  
363 East Main Street  
Newport, TN 37821

## Funeral service

NOV 5. 7:00 PM (ET)

Manes Funeral Home Chapel  
363 East Main Street  
Newport, TN 37821

## Burial Service

NOV 6. 10:00 AM (ET)

Union Cemetery Inc  
420 Mineral St  
Newport, TN 37821-3900  
(423) 623-6918

# Tribute Wall

KY

“ Karen Yates lit a candle in memory of Larry Ponder



Karen Yates - November 10, 2025 at 05:53 AM

TW

“ Terry Williamson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Larry Hugh Ponder.

Terry Williamson - November 05, 2025 at 11:45 AM

TW

“ Terry Williamson purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Larry Hugh Ponder.



Terry Williamson - November 05, 2025 at 11:45 AM

RM

“ Randy and Elaine Moore planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Larry Hugh Ponder.

Randy and Elaine Moore - November 05, 2025 at 08:37 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Larry Hugh Ponder.*



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November 05, 2025 at 08:37 AM



“ *My deepest condolences to Mr. Potter and his family. Prayers for him and his family. God Bless Him!*

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**Greg Gentry** - November 04, 2025 at 03:29 PM



“ *My buddy Joe,*

*Thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family during this difficult time. May God bring peace and comfort in your time of need.*

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**Benjamin Evans** - November 04, 2025 at 01:11 PM



“ *Sending hugs and prayers to Debbie and the family. Live Sandy Moore*



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**Sandy Moore** - November 03, 2025 at 10:25 PM

LL

“ Tammy, so sorry to hear about your Dad. He was a fine loving, caring Christian man. Just know that he is rejoicing in Heaven with no more pain, no more suffering, no sorrow. He is pain free and you will find peace knowing that you will see again one day. We will be praying for you and your family. Love Lynn and Becky Lane!



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**Lynn Lane** - November 03, 2025 at 07:00 PM

“ I love you so much Papaw and I’ll always miss you and never forget about you. I feel special because I was your first born granddaughter and I know how much you loved me and all of us grandkids. I know you are strolling over Heaven with Jesus right now and I couldn’t be more happy for you. I never would have dreamed that you would have been gone this soon and it hurts. Thank you so much for being the best Papaw I could have ever had. It’s been a rough day without you here. I know that one day very soon, we will be home with you and Jesus at last. I don’t know when that day will be, but I do know how short life really is. Even if we all lived to be 100 years old, our time here on earth is so tiny and short compared to eternity. So I know it won’t be too long. In James 4, it says “For what is your life? it is even a vapour that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.” That verse shows us right there, how little our time on earth really is. The things of this earth don’t matter. There are so many distractions in this world and we’re all so caught up in earthly things, material things, and things that don’t truly matter. Only thing that truly matters is having Jesus Christ in your heart as your Lord and Savior. The truth of the matter is we are all going to die one day. Jesus is who we need to cling on to in our time of need. I can’t wait to see you again and see your new glorified body. I know that you are no longer sick, suffering, hurting, or in pain. You were so loved by everyone always, and I truly hope you knew that. It’s not going to be the same anymore walking into you house and seeing your recliner empty in the living room. It’s not going to be the same not hearing your voice talking on the phone with your buddies every morning or how you would always ride your lawn mower to the neighbors house and there would be like 4 people with 4 different lawn mowers and we would call it the “lawn mower convention” and I thought it was hilarious! I miss when you would take me for rides on your motorcycle when I was little and we would go to dairy queen, walmart, the mall, you name it! I also want to thank you so much for getting me a Chase Elliott NASCAR shirt about 2 years ago. When you first found out that I started getting into NASCAR racing, you got so excited and asked who my favorite racer was and you bought me a shirt. I will

*forever cherish it. Now, I will wear it in honor of you. You always made me laugh and smile. Now that you're gone, I have a promise that I need to fulfill for you when you asked me back in 2017 right after I sang Meme's funeral if I would sing "In Christ Alone" at your funeral just like I did at hers. I never would have thought that just 8 years later, I would have to fulfill that promise. I hope I make you proud. I hope I make you proud for the rest of my life. Your memory will forever live on as long as I'm alive. I will forever cherish all of the special memories that I've had with you in all the 23 years of life that I've known you. I'm so thankful and grateful that we got to celebrate your 70th birthday with you 5 years ago and I am so grateful we got to celebrate you and Nana's 50th wedding anniversary with you all this year back in June. I could keep going on and on but this post is already gonna be long enough. Anyways.. I love you. I miss you. Life will never be the same without you here. Please tell grandma and grandpa Ponder how much I love them and miss them. It's been 16 years since we lost grandma, and I still think about her to this day. Sadly, I never got to meet grandpa as he met the Lord before I was born. Also, please tell Meme and Papaw Sonny how much I love and miss them too!!! I'm waiting on you all and I hope you're all waiting on me too!! I just hope and pray it's not too long of a wait. After Jesus welcomes me with open arms first, I hope you all are next in line to welcome me with open arms. I just can't wait til I get to rejoice Jesus with you all in heaven. I can't wait til that great family reunion when we're all together again and you can tell me ALL about your time in heaven and show me around. Anyways, I better wrap this up. I am forever a Papaws girl. I always have been and always will be til the very end. I can't wait to stroll over Heaven with you. May God rest your beautiful soul. Until we meet again.*

*I love you always,  
Makayla Alexandra*

*"And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away." ~Revelation*

21:4

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**Makayla Palmer** - November 03, 2025 at 02:54 PM

HF

“ *Hillard Family purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of Larry Hugh Ponder.*



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**Hillard Family** - November 03, 2025 at 02:43 PM