



Coy "Vance" Newell

April 1, 1942 - May 18, 2025

Coy Vance Newell (Vance), a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and respected retired Fire Division Chief, passed away peacefully on May 18, 2025, at the age of 83. He was surrounded by his loving family and his lifelong friends.

Born in San Antonio, Texas, Vance moved to Riverside, California, as a young child. He grew up with a deep appreciation for family, hard work, and community. Vance began his distinguished career with the Riverside City Fire Department in 1965, rising through the ranks to become Division Chief. He served with integrity, leadership, and heart for 33 years, mentoring many and leaving a lasting mark on the department and city he loved.

Vance married Judy Moore in 1961, and together they had three children: Mark, Michael (who passed in infancy), and Cheryl.

In 1981, he found lifelong love and partnership with Debby McClung. The couple married in 1981 and the Newell family grew, as he embraced daughter Shanna into his arms. Vance lived a life full of passion, whether it be woodworking, creating stained glass art, tending to his

cherished garden, or traveling to tropical beaches with Debby. He especially loved time spent outdoors with close friends or passing down his love for nature to his children and grandchildren through beach camping, hunting, and road trips to National Parks.

Vance is survived by his loving wife Debby; children Mark Newell, Cheryl Rossi, and Shanna Green; grandchildren Travis, Adam, Amanda, Erika, Caden, and Jacob; and great-grandchildren Weston and Sophia. He is also remembered fondly by his Riverside City Fire Department Family, dear friends, and all who were fortunate enough to know him.

Vance's legacy is one of kindness, craftsmanship, loyalty, and deep love for his family. His presence will be missed, but his spirit lives on in the lives he touched.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUN 3. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (Pst)

The Grove Community Church
19900 Grove Community Dr
Riverside, CA 92508

Reception

JUN 3. 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM (Pst)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Coy "Vance" Newell.*



June 06, 2025 at 11:19 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Coy "Vance" Newell.

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“ Love Josh and Gina Meehan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Coy "Vance" Newell.

Love Josh and Gina Meehan - June 02, 2025 at 05:49 PM



“ Love Josh and Gina Meehan purchased the *Enduring Grace* for the family of Coy "Vance" Newell.



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“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Coy "Vance" Newell.

June 02, 2025 at 05:19 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Coy "Vance" Newell.



June 02, 2025 at 05:19 PM



“ Brandi Zocholl purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Coy "Vance" Newell.



Brandi Zocholl - June 02, 2025 at 05:12 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Coy "Vance" Newell.

June 02, 2025 at 10:29 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Coy "Vance" Newell.



June 02, 2025 at 10:29 AM

IS

“ *My heartfelt condolences to Vance's family...*

What a lovely man he was.

Ina Schweitzer - May 31, 2025 at 01:03 AM



“ *A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Coy "Vance" Newell.*

May 31, 2025 at 12:59 AM

LA

“ *Lots of love, Aaron & Laura Aguilar purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Coy "Vance" Newell.*



Lots of love, Aaron & Laura Aguilar - May 28, 2025 at 08:07 PM



“ *My condolences to Vance's family. He was a wonderful human and I'm sure will be missed tremendously by all.*

Leanne Austin - May 28, 2025 at 05:49 PM

LH

“ *Lorna Hess purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Coy "Vance" Newell.*



Lorna Hess - May 25, 2025 at 10:23 AM