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Louis Knox Newton was born in Southport, North Carolina, on February 28, 1929, the son of Edward Cranmer Newton and Ann Louise Knox Newton.

He is survived by Jessie Sparks Newton and their children, Michael and wife Jacqueline Lye; Christopher; Paul; Rebecca; Mark; Mary Kay; and Joseph and wife Sharon Huffman; as well as his granddaughter, Aria Newton Richardson and husband Grant, his great-grandchildren, Nico and Mila; and his granddaughter, Stefanie Nicole Enriquez. He is also survived by his sister Brooks Newton Preik and his sister-in-law, Louise Foutz Newton, and many devoted nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his brothers, Edward, Jr., John Richard and Jackson R. Newton.

Upon graduating from Southport High School in 1947, Lou was employed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Washington, DC. During the Korean Conflict, he enlisted in the United States Army and served for two years at Camp Pickett, VA, and four years in the Army Reserves. Following his active military service he returned to the Bureau where he worked in the office of the Director.

He completed his undergraduate studies in Political Science at George Washington and American Universities in Washington, DC, and earned his law degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1957. From that time forward until he retired, he practiced law in Wilmington, NC, first as a

partner with the firm of Carter, Murchison, Fox and Newton, and later with the firm of Newton and Newton, which he established with his son, Paul.

Lou will be remembered by all who knew him for his devotion to the study and preservation of local history, in particular, that of Southport, his boyhood home, the lighthouses of southeastern North Carolina and the history of the Cape Fear River pilots—whose ranks included his great-grandfather, his grandfather, four great uncles and numerous cousins. One of his most cherished honors was his appointment by Governor Jim Hunt in 1993 to serve as a member of the Cape Fear Navigation and Pilotage Commission, a position he held proudly for many years.