

# Obituary: Robert Lewis Newman

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**Robert Lewis Newman**, minister of pastoral care at Baptist Temple Church in San Antonio, died Oct. 24. He was 79. He was born June 24, 1946, to Elaine Blanchard Newman and Prentice Arthur Newman. He earned a degree in Germanic linguistics from the University of Texas, but he chose to pursue his interest in photography rather than translating or teaching. He spent his career at Havel Camera Services as a camera repair technician. In 1958, he joined Baptist Temple Church. He sang in the church choir and ensemble from his early teens until his death. He served as a deacon in the church for 40 years. After he retired from Havel, he became minister of pastoral care at Baptist Temple, and he served in that role until his death. He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Karen Clemmons Newman. Visitation is scheduled from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Nov. 6 at the Southside Funeral Home chapel in San Antonio. A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. on Nov. 7 at Baptist Temple. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts can be made to Baptist Temple Church, 901 E. Drexel Ave., San Antonio, TX 78210.