

PAUL NEWMAN IN RACE AGAINST TIME

The actor has long had a passion for racing



Spin around track in Corvette fulfills one of his dying wishes

CANCER-STRICKEN screen legend Paul Newman fulfilled one of his last wishes – getting behind the wheel of a race car and zooming around a track! The beloved 83-year-old, who is battling lung cancer, is spending his final days by doing some of the things he loves best, but sources say the sad reality is that he has very little time left.

“Paul says the time he has left is in God’s hands,” one source said.

The ENQUIRER learned that Newman, who has had a lifelong interest in auto racing and raced professionally, surprised his wife and family on Aug. 13 when he asked to be driven to one of his favorite tracks – Lime Rock Park in Lakeville, Conn.

Renea Topp, a track employee, confirmed Newman’s visit.

“HE ARRIVED IN THE EARLY MORNING and stayed for several hours,” Topp told The ENQUIRER. “The regulars who come out to enjoy the races here are used to seeing Paul and aren’t starstruck.” Topp added that Paul appeared “well enough” to get behind the wheel of a GT1 Corvette.

The ENQUIRER also learned that on Aug. 23, Paul took his devoted wife Joanne Woodward on a “date” to the Dressing Room – a restaurant he owns in Westport, Conn.

Said an eyewitness: “Despite his gaunt appearance, Paul shocked on-lookers by digging into a burger, one of his top picks on the menu, and washing it down with a favorite brew from England – Samuel Smith’s Nut Brown Ale.”

Paul is bravely continuing to do as much as possible, but sources say the family is privately preparing for the end.

“A priest from The Unitarian Church in Westport, where Joanne worships occasionally, has gone to the house for private prayer sessions to offer the family spiritual guidance,” added the source.

“It’s only a matter of time.”

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