



Annie Joyce Newton

March 21, 1942 - November 18, 2022

Annie Joyce Newton of Grand Island, Florida, passed away on Friday, November 18, 2022, at age 80.

Born March 21, 1942, in Clearwater, Florida, Joyce could almost always be found in her garden or with a Coca-Cola in her hand—often both at the same time! When she wasn't playing in the dirt, Joyce spent her time with the love of her life, Robert L. Newton. Bobby and Joyce celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary earlier this year on June 4.

Joyce (a.k.a. Grandma or Gma) is remembered for her independence, whip-smart sense of humor, and most of all, her selflessness. She always put others before herself and often gave help before it was asked for. Joyce tended to her loved ones the way she tended to her garden, constantly showering them in love and attention.

Joyce had a strong Christian faith and read her bible daily. There is no doubt she is in paradise with her Maker now—drinking as many Cokes as she desires and mowing, weeding, and planting to her heart's content!

Joyce was preceded in death by her parents Leemon and Carole Elmore, her brother Raymond Elmore, and her son Roland Anthony "Tony" Newton. She is survived by her husband Bobby; her daughter Datha Marie Kinsey (and her

husband Greg); her granddaughters Danielle Buie , Jordan Orlando (and her husband Bobby), and Randi Rutledge; her great-grandchildren Thomas Coleman and Finnley Cash; and her siblings Gary Elmore (and his wife June), Glenn Elmore (and his wife Thomi), and Connie Gahafer (and her husband Tom).

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions to a love fund in support of Joyce's husband. If you have the means to give, checks can be made out to Robert Newton and sent to:

Bobby Newton
36617 Sundance Drive
Grand Island, FL 32735

Cards and letters containing your favorite memories or photos of Joyce would also be greatly appreciated.

“Old gardeners never die... they just spade away.”

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“ Her eulogy describe her so well. She had a very quick wit and was always thoughtful. I have fond memories of Aunt Joyce and loved her. No matter what, every Christmas and every birthday I would receive a card from her. I moved once and she didn't have my address, well next time I seen my sister Angie she said, " here Aunt Joyce sent these here for you", yep... It was my Birthday and Christmas cards. She ways found a way, lol... I'm going to miss her and her notes she would include. She is definitely in Heaven, in a perfect garden! You are loved and will be missed.



May the peace of God be with you all ❤️

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I happened to run across Joyce's obituary today, February 14, 2023, and I wanted to say how sorry I am for the family's loss. Joyce was in our wedding back in 1960 at the Largo Church Of God. Duell Free was our pastor and at least two of his boys were also in the wedding. What you wrote about Joyce always having a coke in her hand brought back memories of her Mom, who always had tea in her hand. Joyce said she even brushed her teeth with tea. My condolences to Bob. After being married over 60 years to the same woman, I know it will be difficult. Raymond and I have been married 62 years...people of our generation took our vows seriously. Good bless and keep you all.

Linda Waunell Clark Stell - February 14, 2023 at 09:31 AM

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