



Nancy Newman

March 8, 2014

Obituary of Nancy Newman

Nancy (Betty) was a lifelong educator. She was a teacher, principal, and college student teacher supervisor. She served as President of the Michigan Elementary and Middle School Principals' Association (MEMSPA) and also as the MEMSPA National Representative.

Nancy enjoyed line dancing, canoeing, and playing cards, but most of all she enjoyed people. She has been a winter resident of Leesburg for the past nine years and resided in Clio, Michigan. She was a Methodist.

She was preceded in death by her parents: Homer and Ava Hopper, her husband Milliard Newman, her brothers Alvin, Sam, Louis, Bill and sister, Gladys, as well as her dear friend, Marion Ferris.

Nancy is survived by her daughter, Ava Lee (David) Langdon of Leesburg, FL; grandsons, Brian (Amy), Brent (Nicole) Langdon; great grandchildren, Kolton, Koby, Grady, and Reese Langdon; and several nieces and nephews, all of Michigan.

Arrangements entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home and Crematory, Leesburg,
FL.

Tribute Wall



“ *Nancy Newman*

October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *we had many good times and alot of laughs with betty, we loved her and will miss her greatly - keith and debbie clarke*

keith and debbie clarke - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Ava, I was hoping to be able to have something else to cherish. You came through for me. Thank you so much. God bless you and your family Fay*

Fay & Bob Cotham - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Ava & Dave-Your mother was an insperation to all who came in contact with her. She brightened my life as she did many others-- may she rest in peace--God Bless her. y*

Mary Lou Hill - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Long time friend and neighbor she will be missed very much*

Jim Louise Eldred - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *I always looked forward to seeing her at the annual LEADS year-end luncheon. I will miss her company very much!*

Gordon W. Draper - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ *Memories of the special lady she was will always bring a smile and brighten our day. We had so many good times and will always love her.*

John and Gloria - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ *AvaLee, I loved your mom. We will miss her and send our love and prayers to you and yours. Bill, Connie and Family*

Connie Hopper - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ *AvaLee She was like a big sister to me We will miss her and send our love Denzel,Dorothy and Family*

Denzel Hopper - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ *Ava, your mother was a VERY SPECIAL LADY. She will be greatly missed by many. I wish I had been able to share one last glass of wine with her, but I will always think of her when I do. Her humor was awesome. I know where you get it from. Cherish all the wonderful memories you have. I know I will.*

Ken & Linda Chapdelaine - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ *Ava and Dave we are truely sorry for your loss. Betty was so much fun and we will miss her smile. Love, Deb and John*

Deb and John - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TB

“Ava, we are sorry to hear about Nancy. What a great lady who will be missed by family, friends and fellow principals. We loved having her at our home for dinners with fellow retired principals. She was fun loving and made everyone feel good. We love seeing her at conferences, workshops and committee meetings and she always shared her scotch. Her picture says it all about Nancy!

Tom & Carol Bodell - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LG

“Ava and Dave so sorry for your loss. I remember the fun at line dancing and coffee on my porch.. She was a fun lady and will be missed.

Louise Guinn - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AC

“Just to think her biggest party is coming up. It was an honor knowing her. I respected her love for life. She will painting the heavens green. I will drink one green beer just for her on the 17th. Your memory of her will live on and she is in alot of hearts. Thank you for shring her with us!! Love you. God's peace be with you all~~~

Abe & Cathy - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GM

“We are certain that Nancy was the person for whom the description "she lights up a room" was started. Her smile and attitude were infectious and hundreds of people with the Livonia Public Schools were influenced by Nancy's knowledge, warmth and compassion. She was a teacher, leader, and mentor to many throughout her career and lifetime. Nancy will be missed and we are so sorry for the loss of this very young 88 year old exceptional person!

Grace and Bill MacFarland - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ I worked with your mother at Hull Elementary in Livonia. She was a FABULOUS principal--so caring, thoughtful, kind, and considerate of staff and the children in the building. She developed a warm and comfortable atmosphere. She was the epitome of what a principal should be and will be remembered warmly by those who knew her there. My condolences to you and your family.

Mary Spongberg - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ Who loved St. Patrick's Day more than your mom! I worked for Nancy at Hull School and it was a delight to work for her. She always had a big smile on her face. Please know you are all in my thoughts.

Sue Ward - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

NL

“ I too worked with your mom at Hull Elementary. Ours was a special group and she helped make it just like a family. Your father too, was a part of our special group. Nancy will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

Nancy Lapham - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Aunt Betty lived life - Always! Her smile, laughter, stories and the KitKats she would bring for the kids (i think she brought them every visit and the kids are in their 20's!) will be missed but her love lives on in the lessons she taught all of us. Ava Lee and Dave, you are in our thoughts and prayers - love, Lori, Jeff, Drew and Megan

Jeff, Lori,Drew and Megan - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PV

“ Dear Ava and family, Your mother was a very special lady who always greeted you with a smile. It was always a highlight to have Betty come into Garner when visiting student teachers and catching up with all the family news. I will never forget our infamous polka and our inevitable crash landing on the dance floor. Your mom greeted our demise with a great big laugh and "boy was that fun!!" reply. Please accept Kathleen and my sincere condolences. Love Paul

Paul Volk - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ Nancy was my dear friend since my early days as a principal and MEMSPA member. She made everyone's life a little richer. Oh, the fun times we had at Camp Kett, Region I meetings, T.C. conferences and the canoe races. We were the first to hit the dance floor at the conference in recent years. Her laugh and good spirit will live on with me, and I'm sure, many others. We were all fortunate to have known and loved Nancy.

Tom Workman - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM