



Hazel Porter Newnam

August 2, 1918 - November 2, 2018

Hazel Porter Newnam of Easton, MD, our beloved Mother, Grandmother and Great-Grandmother gained her wings on Friday, November 2, 2018. At the time of her passing, she was at Bayleigh Chase in Easton. She had recently celebrated her milestone 100th birthday on August 2, 2018, at which time she resided at The Dixon House of Easton.

Born August 2, 1918, in Clairton, PA, she was the daughter of Lawrence C. and Pearl Rogerson Porter. After graduating from Clairton High School in 1936, she soon met the man that caught her eye and captured her heart, William S.D. Newnam, Jr., of Oxford, MD. He was just graduating from the Pittsburgh Aeronautical Institute. The two were married in Clairton on May 19, 1940, and Bill flew her back in his private plane to the Eastern Shore, where she happily lived out her life.

Bill and Hazel were a dynamic team as they worked side by side in their private charter business, known up and down the East Coast as Maryland Airlines, Co., Inc. Hazel was the vice-president and secretary of the corporation, while also raising their two daughters. Her energy was boundless and the love she showed for her family and friends was unparalleled. During her 50's she decided to become a pilot and Bill taught her to fly. She was incredibly proud to share with others that she had attained her solo license.

After her daughter Suzanne Newnam Towers' tragic death at age 43, and Bill's untimely death in May 1991, Hazel pushed forward and set an example of strong character and independence to all who knew her. Before moving in 2014 to the assisted-living Dixon House on Higgins Street in Easton, she maintained the family home at Peachblossom. During those years, she was well-known as the "Designated Driver" for her many widowed Oxford girlfriends. Her daughter, Debbie, called her Cadillac the "Gospel Bus," and took great joy in knowing that her mother was experiencing many, many adventures... some as far south as Florida and as far north as Pittsburgh. This continued until she unhappily relinquished her license in 2014 at the age of 96.

Her activities in those later years centered around shopping and playing cards with "the girls." She could be found at least two days a week shuffling the decks at either The Elks Lodge, The Senior Center or homes of the card players. Hazel was known as a winner in all circles of life. Her life's story would not be complete without describing where Hazel derived most of her joy. She was truly in her "Happy Place" when in the company of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She has left her family with an extraordinary amount of beautiful memories and examples of self-less acts of love and kindness.

Hazel lived a full life and it was filled with all the right things. She was a faithful member of the Oxford Methodist Church and not only sang in the choir, but led the MYF (Methodist Youth Fellowship) and served as a member of the WSCS (Women's Society of Christian Service). She also served a number of years as a volunteer for the Memorial Hospital Auxiliary.

She leaves beautiful memories to be cherished by her daughter, Deborah Newnam Kudner; four grandchildren, G. Cooper Towers, III (Wendy), Sheila Towers Herbert (Barry), H. Bo Claggett, Jr. (Gabriela), Courtney Claggett

Springer (Scott); and seven great-grandchildren, Christie Towers, Carter Towers, Cassidy Towers, twins Elisabeth and Gabriel Claggett, Francesca Claggett and Cruz Springer.

Hazel was preceded in death by her parents, her five siblings, her beloved husband of 51 years, and her daughter, Suzanne Elaine Newnam Towers.

A public visitation at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home in Easton will be held on Thursday, November 8, 2018, from 10 to 11 AM. Burial will be private.

If choosing to honor Hazel's incredible life, memorial contributions may be made to The Dixon House, 108 Higgins Street, Easton, MD 21601 with Attn: Ms. Linda Elben or the Oxford Methodist Church, 101 N. Morris Street, Oxford, MD 21654.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Easton Location
200 S Harrison St
Easton, MD 21601
(410) 822-3131
info@fhnfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Hazel Porter Newnam*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - December 04, 2018 at 02:51 PM



“ *Hazel Porter Newnam*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Hazel Porter Newnam*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Hazel Porter Newnam*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ 116 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - November 07, 2018 at 02:57 PM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Hazel Porter Newnam.*



November 07, 2018 at 01:38 PM



“ *Hazel and my mother and father, Dick and Peggy Orrell were good friends for many years. Dad flew for them after his retirement from the army. I always loved coming to church and see Hazel who so appreciated when I would sing. We loved to see hazel going down the road in her caddie filled with her lady friends. She lived a wonderful life and will be missed.*

Bonnie Reichert - November 07, 2018 at 01:28 PM

BN

“ We send our deepest sympathies to your entire family. May the soul of your mother be at peace with our Heavenly Father.

North Family

Brad North - November 07, 2018 at 11:46 AM



BF

“ Baltimore Flight Standards District Office Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Hazel Porter Newnam.

Baltimore Flight Standards District Office Family - November 07, 2018 at 10:54 AM



CL

“ Connie Lewis lit a candle in memory of Hazel Porter Newnam

Connie Lewis - November 07, 2018 at 08:22 AM



DR

“ Debi Roth-Bowles lit a candle in memory of Hazel Porter Newnam

Debi Roth-Bowles - November 06, 2018 at 04:51 PM



DK

“ Thought and prayers are with the the Newnam family at this time.

Dale Kirby



Dale Kirby - November 06, 2018 at 11:02 AM

PF

“ Phil Foster lit a candle in memory of Hazel Porter Newnam



Phil Foster - November 06, 2018 at 02:24 AM

CL

“ Carolyn Lane lit a candle in memory of Hazel Porter Newnam



Carolyn Lane - November 05, 2018 at 07:43 PM



“ Pattie Conrad Murphy lit a candle in memory of Hazel Porter Newnam



Pattie Conrad Murphy - November 05, 2018 at 06:12 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Hazel Porter Newnam.*



November 05, 2018 at 01:35 PM



“ *Sharon Corkran lit a candle in memory of Hazel Porter Newnam*



sharon corkran - November 05, 2018 at 09:37 AM



My most sincere sympathies! What a special lady. How difficult to lose a loving mother and friend. My thoughts and prayers are with you.
Sharon Corkran

sharon corkran - November 05, 2018 at 10:39 AM