



Pearl McNeal

August 7, 1924 - August 26, 2019

Pearl McNeal died on Monday, August 26, 2019, at Genesis-The Pines in Easton, MD. She was 95.

Pearl was born on August 7, 1924, in Sparrows Point, MD, to the late Frank Cappa and Pearl Gannon Cappa.

Pearl was a full-time wife to a farmer. She also worked passionately as a horse-riding instructor. She went to work with Kay Barner of Miles River Pony Farm for 17 years before she started her own barn, Little Acres Stable, which she ran for many years. Pearl enjoyed fox hunting for as long as she was able to. Then, later in life, she began bowling, where she made many more friends.

She is survived by her children, Ralph McNeal, Jr., better known as “Tiny,” and his wife, Darlene of Easton, MD, and Pam Grudis and her husband, Mike of Easton, MD; grandchildren, Kellie Faulkner, David McNeal and Craig McNeal; great-grandchildren, Sammie Towers, Jordan McNeal, Taylor McNeal, and Tristan McNeal; a brother, John Cappa; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Pearl was preceded in death by her husband, Ralph O. McNeal, Sr.; a daughter, Catherine Faulkner; a son, Danny McNeal; two sisters, Catherine Cummings and Margaret Sullivan; and a special friend, Irene Myers.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in honor of Pearl to Positive Strides, Inc., PO Box 391, Easton, MD 21601.

A visitation will be held on Saturday, September 21, 2019, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A. 200 S. Harrison St., Easton, MD 21601. Burial will be private.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 21. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A. - Easton
200 S. Harrison St.
Easton, MD 21601

Tribute Wall



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



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - September 19, 2019 at 01:09 PM



“ *Pearl McNeal*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Pearl McNeal*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM

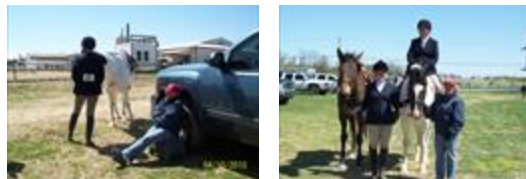


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January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



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Joan Neal - September 20, 2019 at 11:37 AM



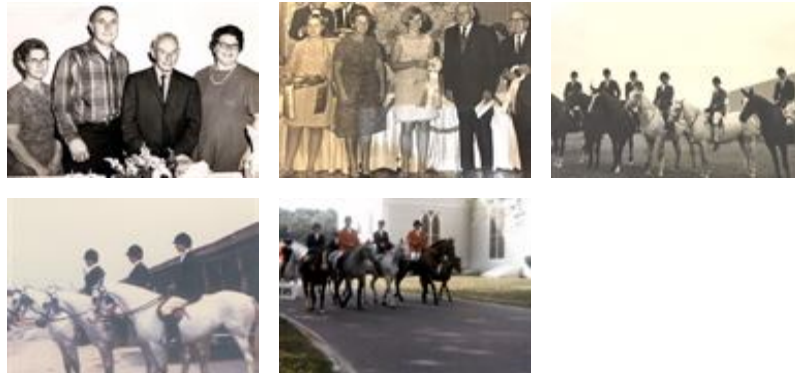
“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Pearl McNeal.



September 19, 2019 at 01:49 PM



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Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - September 19, 2019 at 12:19 PM



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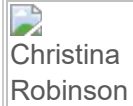


Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - September 18, 2019 at 04:13 PM

LW

“ Miss Pearl was my first real riding instructor. She was so far ahead of her time with all her Littauer instruction and Forward Riding System....she really set me up for many of my life's adventures both astride and now training myself. I can remember arriving to Sweet Briar College freshman year, and Paul Cronin saying to me "and just who taught you all this??!!!" and I proudly said Pearl McNeal! We all thought we were hard done by when we had to have all those tack cleaning theory classes on rainy days, when we would rather be out riding all the "nuts".....but all that commonsense horsemanship was the real deal! No stirrups, bareback cross country, hunting, trail riding, showing etc.....were all part of laying down a strong foundation and authentic love and respect of the horse. She taught us how to set goals and achieve them. We all learned about life too - Miss Pearl was strong natured but fair; and knew that in order to succeed in life she needed to teach us all how to work hard. And play hard. We formed friendships at Little Acres that still stand true today - and for me, those relationships are held in my heart, even across the world. I dearly loved Miss Pearl, and her family too. Kellie was like a little sister to me. I was scared sh*tless of Poo, her fierce dog, and I know I "sweated" (cried like a baby) when she would make me jump something "Puissance" height....but we laughed lots about that later on. If she thought I could do it - well I darn well did it. I am sorry I cannot be there to pay my final respects to a lady I have the greatest of respect for..... and please know I send my dearest love to Miss Pearl's family and to her many friends both 2 legged and 4 legged.
-Leigh Watkins

Leigh Watkins - September 10, 2019 at 07:12 AM



Christina
Robinson

“ Prayers for the family.



Christina Robinson - September 08, 2019 at 07:16 PM

LF

“ You were one of the strongest and biggest personalities that I have ever known in my life. You will always be my ridding instructor. You taught me how to be brave and to try even when I thought I couldn't. You were my horse world. You were my daughter Theresa's horse world. Thank you to your sister Catherine Cummings for introducing us. Thank you Mrs, McMeal, Aunt Pearl, Pearl ... for all you gave me. I am a better person because of you. Rest In Peace. You will ALWAYS be remembered in my heart and mind. Much love always to you and to your family.

PS - fond memories of ALL the 'nuts' - from Peanut to Hickory - Filbert to Cashew etc. etc. Of all the trail rides, the horse shows, the clinics and the Fox Hunts

Love,

Lisa Fitzpatrick

Proud owner of Wacky (The Clown) - who I would never have had the pleasure of having if it weren't for you and your daughter. ❤️❤️



Lisa Fitzpatrick - September 06, 2019 at 09:31 PM

PM

“ Pearl taught me to keep my heels down, my hands soft and my head high. Good life lessons! My sympathies to her family. Petrine Day Mitchum, Santa Ynez, California.



Petrine Mitchum - September 05, 2019 at 10:56 AM

MR

“ Many fond memories in the horse world and at the shows. She is going to be missed and meant a lot to Us all. Everyone is in Our Thoughts and Prayers . Monica Emerson Roberts and Mary Margaret Philips.

Monica Emerson Roberts - August 31, 2019 at 03:12 PM

SC

“ Sonja Carter lit a candle in memory of Pearl McNeal



Sonja Carter - August 30, 2019 at 05:25 AM

KB

“ 1 file added to the album Miss Pearl and Students



Kathy Beauchamp - August 29, 2019 at 01:39 PM

SW

“ *Sandy Walton lit a candle in memory of Pearl McNeal*



Sandy Walton - August 28, 2019 at 08:42 AM

SB

“ *Sandy BWalton lit a candle in memory of Pearl McNeal*



Sandy bWalton - August 28, 2019 at 08:39 AM

BA

“ *Beverly Altvater lit a candle in memory of Pearl McNeal*



Beverly Altvater - August 27, 2019 at 10:20 PM