



Virginia Strong Newlin

May 10, 1920 - September 8, 2024

The family of Virginia Strong Newlin sadly announces her death on Sunday, September 8, 2024, at age 104, at Heron Point in Chestertown, Maryland. She was born in Chestnut Hill, Pennsylvania and was educated at her beloved Springside School.

She was a published poet and former poet laureate of East Goshen Township in Chester County, Pennsylvania. For more than 25 years, she taught poetry and writing as an adjunct professor at the Creutzburg Center for Adult Education in Radnor, Pennsylvania. She led poetry workshops throughout her life.

Virginia was a Master Gardener and a committed environmentalist. While living in Pennsylvania, she served as a founding member of East Goshen Township's Conservancy Board for many years and actively participated in environmental programs at Hershey's Mill in West Chester, Pennsylvania and at the Brandywine Conservancy.

She held a Master of Arts in Teaching from St. John's College in Santa Fe, New Mexico. She completed a Master of Arts in Creative Writing at the Antioch International Writing Program in London England. While in England, she had several short stories broadcast by the BBC. She completed all course work for a PhD program in English Literature at Temple University.

She was always active – a sportswoman, an equestrienne, a competitive tennis, pickleball, and bocce player, and an enthusiastic participant in aerobics and yoga classes at Heron Point.

She is survived by her five children – J. Shipley Newlin, Jr., Peter Caverly Newlin, Claiborne Strong Newlin, Nina Newlin, and Alf Newlin. She was loved by her many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, interested parties may donate to the Animal Care Shelter for Kent County (Maryland) or the Brandywine Conservancy in Pennsylvania.

Previous Events

celebration of life

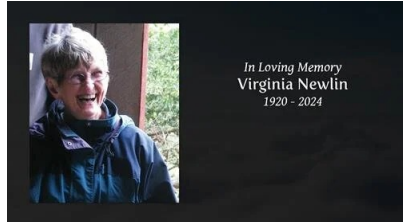
OCT **27**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home
130 Speer Road
Chestertown, MD 21620
<http://www.fhnfuneralhome.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Virginia Strong Newlin*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - October 22, 2024 at 01:31 PM

MK

thank you for this video. she was a wonderful to know

MB Kalis - December 18, 2024 at 04:02 AM

SE

“ *Susan Fordi, Liz & Esme purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Virginia Strong Newlin.*



Susan Fordi, Liz & Esme - October 25, 2024 at 08:48 AM

SE

“ *Susan Fordi, Liz & Esme planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Virginia Strong Newlin.*

Susan Fordi, Liz & Esme - October 25, 2024 at 08:48 AM

JO

“ I remember Nina and Peter and Jay's mom giving me the perfect day, on a visit to the Paoli farm with Nina, back in college. It started with breakfast of sauteed kidneys on toast, which were amazingly delicious, and continued with encouragement to go back to bed and read all day, and then gin and tonics before supper. That might have been the day when we eventually went outside and rode on the pony, bareback. Who would not have THAT day as a golden memory? What a wonderful mother and hostess? Heaven will be enjoying the company of Virginia Strong Newlin, for sure.

Janet C OFlynn - September 23, 2024 at 12:54 PM

MT

“ Mrs. Ginny was one of the most polite, kind and uplifting residents to serve at Heron Point. She will forever be missed. My condolences go out to her family and friends for their loss.

Mia Tucker - September 16, 2024 at 08:03 PM

RK

“ Peter and Gale - My condolences to you for your loss.



Ruth Kerr - September 13, 2024 at 03:22 PM

SQ

“ SaraBeth & David Quinn lit a candle in memory of Virginia Strong Newlin



SaraBeth & David Quinn - September 12, 2024 at 03:41 PM

SJ

“ *She always called me Lovey and I always told her that she was the Lovey. She will be missed and she was loved.*



Suzanne Jackson - September 12, 2024 at 02:44 PM

LC

*Gale and Peter,
Brian and I are so sorry to learn of the death of Peter's mother. We never met her but her legacy speaks volumes about her sweet soul and dedication to teaching and learning. She will surely be missed. God bless you Peter and Gale*

Lisa and Brian Cook - September 14, 2024 at 08:37 PM

NM

Dear Ginny, wherever you are, I'm sure you are very busy already, getting folks together to talk, dance, write and dig in the garden - there's sure to be a garden. I know you are not far away from those who love you, learned from you and grew under your careful guidance. I will always remember "where is the music?". Nancy Marion

Nancy Marion - September 15, 2024 at 12:38 PM

MK

I found this when my Thanksgiving card came back today. I knew Ginnie ever since we were at the St John's Graduate Insititue in Santa Fe in the 1970's. She missed my call earlier a few months ago because she was playing bocce. Bocce, poetry writing, dancing, the League of Women Voters, what a great light and inspritation she was. My condolences to Peter and family. MB Kalis Dec 17, 2024

MB Kalis - December 17, 2024 at 10:51 PM