



Dorothy May Newman

November 8, 1931 - October 21, 2020

Dorothy (Dottie) May (Conley) Newman

11/8/1931 - 10/21/2020

Passed away at her home at 7:05am as the sunlight first came through her window, with family members in attendance. She is survived by her husband James Clair Newman, children J. Ben (& Kathy) Newman, Lynda (& Don) LePoidevin, Scott (& Cindy) Newman, Mary (& Alan) Mead and her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Dottie was born in Klamath Falls, Oregon. Her mother passed away when she was 5 years old and Dottie lived with her father in logging camps and with various relatives and friends over the next several years.

At age 10, Doris and Lou Yost became her guardians and provided a more permanent home. She spent her early life tending chickens and a vegetable garden. She shot crows and squirrels that were eating the vegetables with her .22 for a penny apiece and was proud of her marksmanship.

After High School, she became an X-Ray tech and worked in Pendleton and Eugene, where she enjoyed assisting a doctor who was an early pioneer in joint replacement. While in Eugene, she met the love of her life, Jim Newman, a young Army Medic working in the recruiting office, and they were married on August 5th 1951.

She and the GI bill put her husband through undergraduate and University of Oregon Medical school. Shortly after his graduation, the Army sent the now family of 5 to Mannheim-Kaefertal military base where Jim ran the base dispensary, and she spent her time raising her children (4 by the end of the tour) and volunteering with the Cub Scouts.

The family returned to Oregon just before the Columbus Day hurricane put a tree through the window of their new home, and Jim started his residency in Psychiatry at Oregon State Hospital.

After his residency was completed in 1966, the family moved to their current home, an 1893 farmhouse in south Corvallis. Jim started his private practice and Dottie relished her roles as wife, mother, farmer, master gardener, 4-H leader, Campfire leader, Dog Control Board member, Benton Co. Water Board member (pollution & land use planning), member of the Women's Auxiliary to Benton County Medical Association, running a large sheep ranching operation (300+ head), and quilting with a group of local women to donate quilts to charity.

In 1985 Jim & Dottie moved to Colorado Springs after Jim accepted a promotion to full colonel and the job of Chief of Psychiatry at the Evans Army Hospital at Fort Carson. While there, Dottie taught quilting, started a quilting group that made quilts for all the newborns at the base (a program that was copied at several other military bases), acted as "Mrs. Santa Clause" to the children, and eventually became the full time (unpaid) Volunteer Coordinator for the entire military base at Fort Carson.

In 2007 after Jim retired and Dottie's health began to be affected by the altitude in Colorado Springs, the couple returned to life in Oregon at their 1893 farmhouse in south Corvallis (which they had kept while in Colorado) where

Dottie continued quilting and gardening. She was especially fond of her dahlias.

Anyone wanting to make donations, please contribute to your favorite charity in Dottie's name.

Cemetery Details

Crystal Lake Cemetery

Corvallis, OR

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall



“ *McHenry Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Dorothy May Newman*



McHenry Funeral Home - November 18, 2020 at 05:49 PM

JB

“ *I always treasure the memories of the shared friendship that I had with Dottie. Even after being apart for 20 years, our friendship was as close as if we had never been apart. Dottie and her family will always fill a special place in my memory bank. Love and blessings to you all, Jeanne Butler*



Jeanne Butler - November 20, 2020 at 12:25 PM



“ *2 files added to the album Memories Album*



McHenry Funeral Home - November 18, 2020 at 05:49 PM

LC

“ *Very sorry to hear of Dottie’s death. She shared many stories with me when we were at Quilts From Caring Hands. She knew that I had horses and told stories of horses you owned, perhaps for 4H? Dottie was a kind and compassionate person and she will be missed.*

Linda Cohoon - November 09, 2020 at 12:31 AM

BE

“ *I am so sorry to hear of Dottie’s death. She was such an important part of Quilts from Caring Hands, and a wonderful mentor for me as I learned English Paper Piecing. She is greatly missed!*



Baird Elizabeth - October 28, 2020 at 12:57 PM

PE

“ *Dr. Newman,
Stu and I were deeply saddened to read of Dorothy's death last week. Please know we are holding you and your family close in our heart and in our prayers. I remember when your and Dorothy took time to come to dinner with me and my 5 roommates in an old house we rented on NW 17th Street nearly 50 years ago. Dorothy had such a beautiful smile and she immediately put me at ease. The presence of both of you at our wedding meant so very much as well. May you feel all the love that surrounds you.
We hold you in our hearts,
Patricia Hunnicutt Eide*

Patricia Eide - October 26, 2020 at 10:48 PM



“ *Lynda LePoidevin lit a candle in memory of Dorothy May Newman* ”



Lynda LePoidevin - October 24, 2020 at 10:26 PM