



Phyllis Margaret Newton

October 26, 1926 - January 1, 2022

Phyllis Margaret Newton, age 95, of Glendive, Montana, passed away on Saturday, January 1, 2022, at the Wibaux County Nursing Home in Wibaux, Montana. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, January 5, 2022, from 6:00 pm until 8:00 pm at Silha Funeral Home in Glendive, with a Rosary service starting at 7:00 pm with Deacon Tony Finneman officiating. Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Thursday, January 6, 2022 at 10:00 am at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Glendive with Father Jolly Pathiyamoola officiating. Rite of Committal will follow in the Dawson County Cemetery. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Phyllis was born in the Glendive hospital October 26, 1926, the eldest of 6 children to William and Margaret Parker. In 1936, the family moved to Priest River near Sandpoint, Idaho. In 1944 Phyllis graduated high school in Sandpoint and later worked in Spokane for the War Department (WWII) for 3 years before visiting cousins in Glendive and being introduced to Bob Newton at a sheep camp. Love at first sight – at least for Bob who immediately announced his intentions to make her his wife. Phyllis said that when her cousins, John and Jim Rahr, brought her to meet Bob, he had suffered a stomach bug the night before and had gone home to shower and shave. He was the only one who resembled a good-looking guy since the others had been working that sheep camp for quite a while and were extremely dirty. He took her courting to show off the badlands area of the ranch and she

remembered thinking that no self-respecting jack rabbit would willingly live here (having been mountain raised herself). However, she and Bob were married July 11, 1949 in Miles City and have resided on the ranch along Deer Creek since and she came to thoroughly love and respect this land and people.

Bob and Phyllis had 4 children: John Newton, Kathy McLane, Clay Newton and Connie Hilger. Bob passed away January 19, 2008 after 58 years of marriage. Phyllis is preceded in death by her husband, Bob, and one brother, Bill Parker.

In her career, Phyllis worked for the War Department, PCA of Glendive, a credit bureau, and was Office Manager of the Glendive Community Hospital. She loved collecting cut glass and China clocks and thoroughly loved her unique earth sheltered home that was built in 1979 by Bob and her cousin, Jim Rahr.

Raised a devout Catholic, Phyllis and Bob saw that their family knew a solid base in faith. She was a member of the Republican Women, Zonta, Near & Far Homemakers, Catholic Daughters and the Altar Society, was an avid Attic worker and served on the hospital foundation board.

Phyllis is survived by siblings Paul, Dick and Nolan Parker and Sharon Ahner and she loved all their families. Phyllis and Bob had 4 children, 9 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

John's family: Angela (Steve) Boser and their sons Kyle and Lance; Jennifer (Matt) Robertson and their children Rylen, Rhianna, Brayden, Brenna Hope and Brielle. Valoree (Andy) Althof. Josh (Kayla) Newton.

Kathy's family: Derry (Paulette) McLane and children Chase, Chance and

Sydnee McLane.

Clay and Laureen's family; Seth (Tiffany) Newton and daughter Dylan. Codi (Cole) Smith and children Quinn, Jense and Veronica "Sunny"; Wyatt (Miriam) Newton.

Connie and Mike's family: Ward (Heather) Hilger and their children Kennedy, Reagan and Zack.

Mom will be remembered for several sayings. When a newlywed, she felt a slight inferiority complex when she began becoming involved in community service. Her way of combating this insecurity was a lesson for us all. She sewed little packets out of baby flannel and pinned a \$100 in her bra cups. She said you could face a crowd and "stick your boobs out and walk with dignity". It was a power base to build on and was better than therapy.

Two other fun sayings that she repeated often were: Instead of 'sigh', but with nervous energy: she would say: "Hope – A – Catapiddle" (we really haven't got a clue what that meant but it was profound!). Also, when she was rushing us kids to go somewhere, she would say "Run, Run, Get the Gun! The Cat's Peeing". Mom always brought fun to our lives and we will certainly miss her loving heart.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 5. 6:00 PM (MT)

Silha Funeral Homes - Glendive, Montana
221 N. Meade Avenue
P.O. Box 848
Glendive, MT 59330
(406) 377-2622
silha@midrivers.com
<https://www.silhafuneralhomes.com>

Rosary Service

JAN 5. 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (MT)

Silha Funeral Home
221 North Meade Avenue
Glendive, MT 59330

Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 6. 10:00 AM (MT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
316 West Benham Street
Glendive, MT 59330

Tribute Wall



“ *Phyllis Margaret Newton*

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *LaNette Simonton lit a candle in memory of Phyllis Margaret Newton*



LaNette Simonton - March 11, 2022 at 05:42 PM



“ *Phyllis was a lovely lady, and I always enjoyed visiting with her.*

Marla McCormick - January 26, 2022 at 07:58 PM



“ *My condolences to the Newton Family. I will never forget how Phyllis treated me when I was new to Zonta Club of Glendive. She made me feel welcome in her home and a member of the club. She just had such an upbeat spirit about her. She will be missed terribly in this community. May these memories help to heal your pain.*
Brenda Mischel

Brenda Mischel - January 14, 2022 at 09:00 PM

BB

“ Newtons,
When I moved to Glendive back in 2011 I couldn't find a place to call home. Kathy and Phyllis who I had only met a couple time to take walks all over there beautiful property a year earlier ask if I'd like to stay in there bunkhouse until I found a place. No running water, no phone or cell service and worst of all no internet. Of course I said yes. First I hooked a phone line from the main house to the bunkhouse. Well that was the wrong thing todo by yourself I found out. There phone wouldn't work anymore but mine did. Midrivers came a couple days later and worked there magic and they got there phone in working order in no time and even got me internet!! And if I would have made this kinda mess back home my dad would have been so made, but not Phyllis and Kathy. They and the whole Newton clan took me in like I was one of them. I ended up living with no running water or phone for 2 years with them. And still to this day it was the favorite place I've ever lived. The whole Newton family is now my second family.
I love y'all and hope your healing can heal fast but I know Phyllis will be missed by me and many many others. I send my best wishes to all the Newton. Thanks so much for being such wonderful people truly.

With love
Blaine Brittain

Blaine Brittain - January 06, 2022 at 11:22 PM

JL

“ Janette Legato lit a candle in memory of
Phyllis Margaret Newton



Janette Legato - January 06, 2022 at 06:28 PM

KS

“ Karen Schock lit a candle in memory of Phyllis Margaret Newton



Karen Schock - January 06, 2022 at 11:51 AM

TW

“ John, Kathy, Clay and Connie: I so adored your Mom! I will always think of her infectious smile, quick wit, her laughter and of course her kind heart. Hold your memories of her close. RIP Phyllis!!

Teresa Woodworth-Madsen - January 06, 2022 at 11:01 AM

LO

“ I always loved seeing Phyllis. She had the biggest smile ever and was such a kind and caring soul. She will be missed. May God grant her family peace in knowing she is now with our dear Lord and so many other good people.

lory - January 05, 2022 at 07:38 PM

BS

“ Prayers go out to the Newton family. Phyllis and Bob left many special memories



Betty Shearer - January 05, 2022 at 06:51 PM

LF

“ *Linda Frank lit a candle in memory of Phyllis Margaret Newton*



Linda Frank - January 05, 2022 at 05:57 PM

MB

“ *Marie Barthel lit a candle in memory of Phyllis Margaret Newton*



Marie Barthel - January 05, 2022 at 05:38 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Phyllis Margaret Newton.*



January 05, 2022 at 12:56 PM

BL

“ *Bev Lewis lit a candle in memory of Phyllis Margaret Newton*



Bev Lewis - January 05, 2022 at 07:20 AM



“ *Newton family,
Sorry about your loss of grandma and mom.*

Tyler Pust - January 04, 2022 at 08:42 PM



“ *Tracey Hughes-Sand lit a candle in memory
of Phyllis Margaret Newton*



Tracey Hughes-Sand - January 04, 2022 at 07:14 PM



“ *To all the Newton kids: I liked your Dad and Mom so much! It's so
amazing that when old memories come up, your memories make
you feel certain ways, whether negative or positive. And thinking of
them and you kids automatically makes me feel happy and positive!
The photo you picked for your Mom's obituary is so close to how I
remember her...just a little older. Thinking of you all. I know it's
hard...our Mom just passed in September. Don't forget to stay close
to one another.
Jo Anne (JoJo) Jonutis Herem*

Jo Anne Herem - January 04, 2022 at 03:43 PM



“ *I always think of her welcoming smile whenever we met in town.
You liked Phyllis from the first moment you met her. That kind of
spirit will be missed in the community. My sympathies at the loss of
your Mom. We love all our families, but Moms are the most difficult
ones to whom we have to say "good-bye."*

Avis Anderson - January 04, 2022 at 01:26 PM

JM

“ John and Teresa Madsen purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Phyllis Margaret Newton.



John and Teresa Madsen - January 04, 2022 at 01:19 PM

KM

“ One year probably about 35-40 years ago, Mom took Phyllis and Gram Parker on a bus ride to Boston, MA. when they came out to western Massachusetts to visit. They went on a tour of Boston's historical sights then they went to Filene's, a high -end clothing store that has a Bargain Basement that sells clothes for up to 90% off. In the basement, people fight over the clothing bargains. Phyllis and Gram were in awe when they went into the store. Phyllis was fascinated by people's behavior and the frenzy to grab bargains. When she got back to our house (a two-hour drive from Boston) she was excited about all the sights she saw around Boston and shopping. Though, she said she had a headache after leaving Filene's from all the "hens pecking and squawking." The comment in the obituary about Phyllis' funny sayings reminded mom and I of that day in Boston many years ago.



Whenever we went to visit in Montana and Idaho, Phyllis was always so happy and full of stories to tell. We'll miss her.

Kathleen Mackiewicz

Kathleen Mackiewicz - January 04, 2022 at 01:14 PM

LP

“ One day Phyllis and her four kids and I decided to have a picnic. I remember I made fried chicken..
I don't know what else we had to eat. It was a perfect day! One to remember.
I always enjoyed going to Bob and Phyllis, home.
i loved babysitting Connie when she was around two Years old..
Later when we had Shannon , she would copy Connie!
A lot of Wonderful times with Bob and Phyllis and their 4 kids.
with Love Linda

Linda Parker - January 04, 2022 at 12:15 PM

AB

“ Newton Family: So sorry for your loss.
Thinking of you.
Alana (Schmidt) Barone

Alana Barone - January 04, 2022 at 11:09 AM

RF

“ Richard Parker and family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Phyllis Margaret Newton.



Richard Parker and family - January 04, 2022 at 11:05 AM

SF

“ Sharon & all the Ahner family purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Phyllis Margaret Newton.



Sharon & all the Ahner family - January 04, 2022 at 10:17 AM

LG

“ So sorry for the loss of your Mom. I believe our mothers were friends and did some shared activities, like the Attic. Wishing you strength during this difficult time. *Laura Grzanic Belfield, ND*

Laura Grzanic - January 04, 2022 at 09:10 AM

PZ

“ So very sad to hear of Phyllis's passing. I admired her so. She was a delight to visit with. A no nonsense person with a great sense of humor. She will be missed. Hugs to all.



Penny Zimmerman - January 04, 2022 at 09:04 AM

SD

“ We are thinking of you and send our condolences.
Scott and Darcy Duke

Scott and Darcy Duke - January 04, 2022 at 09:00 AM

GE

“ *Grace Koffler Evinrude lit a candle in memory of Phyllis Margaret Newton*



Grace Koffler Evinrude - January 04, 2022 at 07:27 AM

DB

“ Our condolences to the family and friends of Phyllis Newton during this difficult time. Prayers to all. We had great times playing pinnocle at Grandview with her over the years before we moved away. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.



Denise and Joe Bortrager - January 04, 2022 at 01:29 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Phyllis Margaret Newton.



January 03, 2022 at 10:58 PM

KH

“ Oh, how I loved this lady!! She was such a storyteller and she had some great stories. I'm thinking of all of you.... may all the many wonderful memories you have of your mom, grand (and great) mother bring you comfort, she was so proud of each of you and loved you all so much. ♡ Kristine

Kristine Hubbard - January 03, 2022 at 10:29 PM

JS

“ Jim & Donna Latka Stanfill sent a virtual gift in memory of Phyllis Margaret Newton



Jim & Donna Latka Stanfill - January 03, 2022 at 10:23 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Phyllis Margaret Newton.*



January 03, 2022 at 10:18 PM



“ *Pete And Deb Vogel lit a candle in memory of Phyllis Margaret Newton*



Pete and Deb Vogel - January 03, 2022 at 09:30 PM



“ *Newton Family, So sorry for your loss. Phyllis was such a special woman who lived her faith and love for the Lord every day. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.*

Pete and Deb Vogel - January 03, 2022 at 09:29 PM



“ *Denise Stoddart lit a candle in memory of Phyllis Margaret Newton*



Denise Stoddart - January 03, 2022 at 07:22 PM

MW

“ *Mark And Sheryl Walsh lit a candle in memory of Phyllis Margaret Newton*



Mark and Sheryl Walsh - January 03, 2022 at 06:42 PM

LT

“ *John, Kathy, Clay and Connie and families. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Your mom was a very special lady who had a smile on her face every time I saw her. She was always so happy and positive. I can remember coming with my mom to her new earth home. She was so proud of that home and your dad for building it for her. She is now with Bob and no doubt building their new home. Hugs to all of you.*

Les & Virginia Tipton - January 03, 2022 at 06:27 PM

SK

“ *So very sorry to hear about Phyllis' passing. She was very special and my Mom always enjoyed their visits. Will keep you in prayers during this difficult time.*

Sheila Kunick - January 03, 2022 at 06:14 PM

CP

“ *Kathy, Connie & families of Phyllis. Sorry to read of her passing,, condolences to all of you. Take care, cherish all the many fond memories.*

Cherise Patterson - January 03, 2022 at 06:09 PM

JC

“ *Our Prayers Go Out To Phyllis Family. May You Find Comfort In Your Hearts At This Time. Phyllis was such a delight to see in church with daughter Kathy.*

Love You Phyllis. Heaven Has Gained An Awesome Angel.

Love,

Heath & Jamie Craig & Families

Jamie Craig - January 03, 2022 at 05:37 PM

KN

“ *Sorry to hear of your mother's passing. She was a one of a kind person. Glad she was able to celebrate her 95th birthday with her family.*

Thoughts and prayers are coming your way



Karen and Noren - January 03, 2022 at 02:40 PM