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Suffolk, VA

12.10.1927 - 08.16.2020

Birthplace: Virginia

Mary Constance Newman Taylor "Connie", 92, passed away peacefully on August 16, 2020. She was born in Chuckatuck Virginia, the daughter of the late Oliver William and Gladys Neal Newman. She was predeceased by her husband of 60 years, John Richard Taylor, Jr, and her brother Oliver Newman.

Connie was a 1945 graduate of Chuckatuck High School where she was the Captain of the basketball team and the Senior Class President. She attended Longwood College majoring in education. Following college, she was employed at Suffolk High School as their Home Economics teacher for six years. She then moved to Harrisonburg for several years where she was a Home Economist for VEPCO. She returned to Suffolk to marry John Taylor and worked in Isle of Wight County for nine years as their Home Economist. She then came back to Suffolk High School and taught Home Economics for the remainder of her career. She was proud to be a red raider for over 30 years, and was named Teacher of the Year in 1977.

Connie had a passion for serving and helping others her entire life. She was a member of the Pilot Club for well over 40 years and was named Pilot of the year in 1998. She enjoyed volunteering her talents to many special events over the years. The project that she was most proud of was making teddy bears to give to children as they were admitted to the hospital. She crafted and donated well over a thousand bears to comfort children in need of a hug.

She was a member of Suffolk Christian Church where she served on numerous committees. She loved her church family and enjoyed volunteering and serving with her church community her entire life.

Survivors include her son, John Richard Taylor, III and wife Carrie of Charlottesville, Virginia; daughter Mary Elizabeth Taylor Asbell and husband Randy of Williamsburg, Virginia and four grandchildren, Paul, Mariah, Christopher and Lainie and is survived by her sister, Geraldine Newman Sandidge.

Connie touched many lives through her teaching, her service to others and her love of friends and family. Due to the coronavirus, the family will have a graveside service that will be held on Saturday, August 29, at 11:00 a.m. in Holly Lawn Cemetery. We request that all participants practice social distancing and wear face coverings. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be contributed to the Alzheimer's Association on-line at www.alz.org, () or mail to Alzheimer's Association National Capital Area Chapter 8180 Greensboro Drive, Suite 400 McLean, VA 22102 or to a charity of your choice in her honor. Connie spent her life paying it forward and would be so pleased to know her friends and loved ones are continuing her quest to be kind and charitable to others. Condolences may be registered at www.RWBakerFH.com (<http://www.RWBakerFH.com>).

Cemetery

Start Time: Saturday, August 29, 2020 - 11:00am

Holly Lawn
1525 N Main St
Suffolk, VA 23434
United States

Google Maps Link

Directions to Holly Lawn
(<https://www.google.com/maps/search/Holly+Lawn,+1525+N+Main+St,+Suffolk,+VA+23434,+US/@17z>)

Guestbook

Brenda and Doug Kincaid

Thu, 08/20/2020 - 04:38pm

Please accept our sincere sympathy. Connie was a wonderful teacher and friend. I have many fond memories of eating lunch with her when I worked at Suffolk High School. I hope your memories of happy days together will bring you comfort.

Brenda and Doug Kincaid

Jackie & Eddie White

Thu, 08/20/2020 - 05:26pm

Mary, Johnny & family, I love the old photos & such sweet Memories that you all have shared. So many good times. Loved your parents, such good people. Our thoughts & prayers to your family. We Love you guys.

Jackie & Eddie White

Tom and Rhonda Phippins

Thu, 08/20/2020 - 08:38pm

John and Mary Elizabeth we are so sorry to hear about the passing of your mother. She was a wonderful person inside and out and I know she will be truly missed. She is now with her husband looking down on all of us with peace and happiness.

Tom and Rhonda Phippins

Donna Johnson

Thu, 08/20/2020 - 08:56pm

My prayers are with you, Mary. It's so hard to say goodbye to a sweet mother. Cherish your memories. Love you! Donna

Donna Johnson

Cynthia Campbell

Fri, 08/21/2020 - 08:04am

My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. It's hard to lose a parent. But God is faithful, who comforts us always.

Cynthia Campbell

Ronald H. Williams

**Fri, 08/21/2020 -
09:09am**

Dear John, Mary Elizabeth and Family,
On behalf of the City Treasurer's Office, I want to extend to you our sincerest sympathy on the loss of your Mother. My parents always enjoyed being with your Mother and Father. They always had a great time together. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time.
Sincerely,
Ronald H. Williams, City Treasurer and Staff

Ronald H. Williams

Bob Chapman

**Fri, 08/21/2020 -
10:15am**

Mary E, Johnny and family, my condolences regarding your sweet Mother. Growing up across the street, Mrs. Taylor was always kind and good to everyone in the neighborhood. It was always a pleasure to cross paths with her as she was a true Virginia gentlewoman. May your memories with her and the good times bring you solace in the days ahead. Sincerely, The Chapman family

Bob Chapman

Sarah Walden

**Fri, 08/21/2020 -
03:26pm**

To the Family of John and Mary Elizabeth,
I was so saddened to hear of your mother's passing. I will dearly miss her. Connie and I were partners in the Pilot Club. She was my seat buddy at the meetings. She was our "Teddy Bear Queen." I enjoyed visiting her to stuff bears, making lap robes, planning other projects and I thoroughly enjoyed her goodies. The Autumn Care St. Patrick's Day party will not be same without Connie. She was dedicated in whatever she was assigned to do.
I trust your memories will bring you comfort during the grieving process. I will miss my dear friend.
Sarah Walden

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Claudia Salmon

**Fri, 08/21/2020 -
04:33pm**

Mary Elizabeth and family,

We are so saddened to learn of your mother's passing. We could always count on her for her delicious lemon bars and your dad's peanuts for our Care and Concern funerals. The were two very special people!! May your beautiful memories help sustain you through this very difficult time.

In Christian Love,
Claudia and Irvin Salmon

Claudia Salmon

The Clint Asbell Family

**Sat, 08/22/2020 -
05:33pm**

Mary, Randy, and family, we send our condolences on the loss of such a beautiful lady. What a touching tribute to her life which was spent loving others. We are praying for your comfort and peace. Clint & Wendy, Brandon, Amanda, Joshua, Caleb, Bethany, Emily, and Hannah

The Clint Asbell Family

Penny Dudley

**Thu, 08/27/2020 -
04:35pm**

Dear Mary E. and family,
Your mother and my mother were born within a day of each other in 1927 and they died within two weeks of each other. They both went to Longwood and they both married the sweetest men to ever come from Suffolk, and both even in the peanut business! And they ended their days at Lake Prince. I would always check in on Connie when I was visiting Lake Prince. And she remained the gracious and kind woman I always knew. They had a remarkable marriage of 2 creative and warm, loving people. I consider it a deep honor and gift to have known them both. Bless you.

Penny Dudley

Phil Saunders

**Sun, 08/30/2020 -
03:51pm**

A beautiful person who tolerated too many unruly SHS students in the 1970's. John & Mary y'all were blessed with two wonderful parents who would welcome you with open arms into their / your home. Your parents are together again enjoying each other as we did. God bless you.

Phil Saunders

Helen Wyrick Karnath

**Thu, 09/10/2020 -
01:55pm**

John, Mary Elizabeth and family. I had not heard that Connie had passed away. She was an amazing woman and very easy to like. I know you will miss her greatly. My heart goes out to you. Your parents were the greatest!

Helen Wyrick Karnath

Pamela Washington

**Thu, 09/17/2020 -
11:42pm**

It was an honor to know your mom. She was one of the sweetest most kindest person and I so glad I got a chance to meet her. To the family I would like to give my deepest sympathies.

Pamela Washington

