



Joyce Shope Newman

September 12, 1932 - September 12, 2022

Joyce Shope Newman, 90, of Sweetwater, TN, passed away at the UT Medical Center on September 12, 2022. Born September 12, 1932, she was preceded in death by her husband Warren Harding Newman, her parents William Theodore Shope and Maude Williams Shope, and her siblings Bobby Shope, Billy Shope Jr., Jenness Workman, and Charlotte Stephens. Surviving siblings are Betty Mayfield, Barbara Heuer, Dennis Shope, Keith Shope Sr., all of Sweetwater, and Gail Huffstetler of Dahlonega, Georgia. Joyce also is survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

Joyce was a long-time member of the First Baptist Church, Sweetwater, TN, where she was a member of the Fellowship Sunday School Class, served in many capacities including the Flower and Decorating Committee, and as Sunday School attendance clerk.

She attended Hiwassee College where she played basketball and later earned a Bachelor's Degree from Tennessee Wesleyan and a master's degree from Tennessee Tech.

For decades, Joyce was an active member of the Sweetwater Lions Club where she was instrumental in fundraising and diligently worked to create awareness about

avoidable blindness.

From its inception, Joyce was an active volunteer at Sweetwater Heritage Museum.

Joyce devoted her life to education as a coach, teacher, and principal at Sweetwater High School. During retirement, Joyce could be seen cheering on the Sweetwater Wildcats at numerous sporting events. She was also a great supporter of the University of Tennessee athletics and hardly ever missed an Atlanta Braves game.

On Thursday, September 15, the family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, Sweetwater. A celebration of life service will immediately follow, with Reverend Leonard Markham officiating. Interment 11:00 A.M. Friday, September 16, 2022 in the Sweetwater Memorial Park.

Memorials may be sent to the W. T. SHOPE Family Scholarship through the Sweetwater Education Foundation, PO Box 67, Sweetwater, TN 37874 or First Baptist Church Sweetwater flower fund, 303 Wright Street, Sweetwater, TN 37874. Kyker Funeral Homes, Sweetwater, is in charge of arrangements. www.kykerfuneralhomes.com

Cemetery Details

Sweetwater Memorial Park

1838 Hwy 11 N
Sweetwater, TN 37874

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **15**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church Sweetwater
303 Wright St.
Sweetwater, TN 37874

Funeral Service

SEP **15**. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Interment

SEP **16**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Mrs. Newman was one of my teachers the first year I moved to Sweetwater in 1968 10th grade. I am so glad I got to see & talk with her a year ago at the 70's Class Reunion in Sweetwater. June Rampy Ponder

June Rampy Ponder - September 19, 2022 at 01:56 PM



“ Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joyce Shope Newman.



September 14, 2022 at 12:36 PM



“ My first memory is P.E. and she was always pushing us to be our best. Fast forward a few years and she began to show up early for Lions Club Meetings. She always came to visit with us at SHA Cafeteria. We always pulled uoma chair and poured her a sweet tea with lemon. I'm gonna miss her voice saying " Girls I'm here,or Honey pull up a chair and talk a while with me. She was a force of nature and battled a lot of health issues! She will be missed by us at SHA Dietary! Love, Hugs and Prayers for all her family and friends.

Jennifer Smith - September 13, 2022 at 05:18 PM



KIM WYRICK REYNOLDS - September 13, 2022 at 06:23 PM

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*Was Mrs Newman ever Superintendent of Monroe County schools?
How long was she a principal at Sweetwater High?*

Vivian Reed - September 16, 2023 at 05:27 PM

MM

“ Mrs Newman was a wonderful coach and a great person. I learned how to win but more importantly how to lose with Grace and sportsmanship. She will be missed greatly by all who knew her. Rest in peace coach!

Mitzi D Montooth - September 13, 2022 at 08:50 AM

JM

Joyce and Warren were both very supportive of the Sweetwater community for all my life. She was always ready for a big hug when I would see her. She will be sorely missed by all who knew and loved her. RIP❤️❤️❤️

Judy Hicks Matoy - September 13, 2022 at 03:20 PM

PG

She was one fine lady and will be truly missed in our community.

Patricia Dunsmore Gibson - September 15, 2022 at 09:25 AM

NL

“ Joyce was a first cousin to me and I loved her dearly. She was my basketball coach in high school and I went home with her after school every time we had a game. She will be missed by all.

Nina Lee - September 12, 2022 at 06:59 PM

MM

Mrs Newman was a great coach. I learned how to win but more importantly, how to lose with good sportsmanship. She loved her kids and we loved her. Rest in Peace !

Mitzi D Montooth - September 13, 2022 at 08:48 AM

DD

Joyce was my football buddy; we always had to cover the game on Sunday morning before church started; she was a dear and caring friend to our Jack Wilson and she will be missed; she was so much fun to talk to; love you Ms. Joycie....

Debbie Devine - September 13, 2022 at 02:37 PM