



Frances Ellison Newton

December 11, 1920 - July 10, 2017

Frances Clairece Ellison Newton died peacefully in her home Monday, July 10, 2017 at the age of ninety-six.

She was born December 11, 1920, in Fayetteville, Georgia to Carrie Estelle Lester Ellison and William (Bill) Francis Ellison. She had one sister, Mary Ellison Bishop, who was five years younger. Frances grew up on a farm in Fayette County with a large family of aunts, uncles and cousins who were life-long members of the Methodist Church. Music was very important in her childhood. Her grandfather, Wade Lester, travelled around the state leading “singings” at churches and teaching music. Her mother Carrie followed in his footsteps, teaching music, and her father Bill would lead the singing at their church, Bethany Methodist Church. Frances attended Bethany Church growing up, was instrumental in forming Newton Estates Methodist Church in College Park, Georgia, and was later a member of Fairburn United Methodist Church where she was active in United Methodist women and taught adult Sunday School Classes.

In 1937 Frances graduated from Fayette County High School where she met her husband, Weyman Ellis Newton. Part of the WWII “Greatest Generation,” in 1939 they wed at the Methodist Parsonage in a double wedding ceremony with their close friends Hugh and Sara Brown. Weyman joined the Army Air Corps, while Frances went to Draughons Business School and started working. After the war, Frances would continue to work and had a long career that included the Tennessee Corporation, Rich’s Inc., and twenty years at

Robert and Company Architects and Engineers. Despite her long hours, Frances served as PTA President and managed to attend the many athletic and educational events of her two children. After 73 years of a busy, happy marriage, Weyman died in 2012 at age 93.

Frances retired at age 62 and devoted her later years to her art. She was a talented folk artist in the tradition of Grandma Moses. She painted family scenes on gourds and canvases that remain treasures to her many descendants. She also designed and worked many beautiful quilts and painted pottery. A talented seamstress, she constructed formal evening gowns. She even designed and made her daughter's wedding dress covered with lace and hundreds of pearls which was worn by her daughter and her two nieces in their weddings. For her art and service to the community, she was recognized in 1998 along with Furman Bisher, Floy Farr, Dr. Ferrol Sams and others in *Fayette Portraits: A View of Fayette County Success*.

More than anything, Frances was proud of her family that she loved very much. She is survived by her daughter, Carolyn Newton Curry and her husband Bill Curry, and their children: Kristin Curry Hunter, married to Robert Hunter, and granddaughters, Evelyn and Claire. Bill Curry, Jr. is married to Kelly Curry and they have grandsons, Alex, Elliot, Brett, Jack and Jamie. She is also survived by her son Ron Newton and his wife Pam, and their children: Steve, married to Lyn, granddaughters Sable and Journey, daughter Marla, married to Darren Hatton, and grandchildren Cole, Chloe and Clark. She is also survived by the daughters of her sister Mary, Gloria Bishop Payne and Glenda Bishop Carlsson.

The family wishes to express appreciation to caregivers – Judy Aina, Kelly Blauer and Jane Warlick – for their many years of service and loving attention. Visitation will be Thursday, July 13, from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM at Parrott Funeral Home located at 8355 Senoia Road, Fairburn, Georgia. The Memorial Service will be Friday, July 14, at 11:00 AM at the same location. Those wishing may sign the on line guest book at www.parrottfuneralhome.com. Donations may be made in her memory to Fairburn United Methodist Church,

Fairburn, Georgia.

Cemetery Details

Holly Hill Memorial Park

359 W. Broad Street
Fairburn, GA 30213

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 13. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ I remember seeing the Newton family most every Sunday at Newton Estates Methodist Church. I didn't realize she was instrumental in the establishment of the church. They were always so pleasant and so friendly, even to young people they didn't know :) Sincere condolences to the family and friends from the Rooks family.

Jackie Rooks Bowen - July 15, 2017 at 08:09 AM

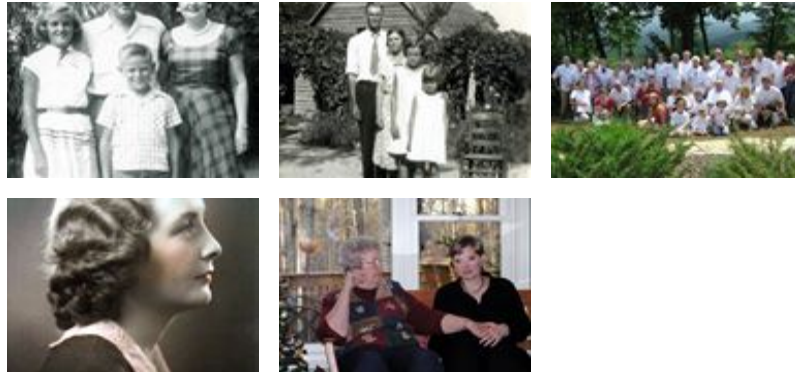
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“ I met Frances through Jane Warlick. Although we only met once, we had such an enjoyable evening - listening to Frances' stories from the past, eating ice cream, sharing & laughing! Extending my sympathy to the family.

Cathy Sandberg - July 13, 2017 at 11:14 PM



“ 50 files added to the album Life Tributes



Parrott Funeral Home - July 13, 2017 at 10:02 AM

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“ Sorry to hear of Frances' home going. She had a wonderful, full life and I'm proud to call her an Ellison kin.
Aleta Speir McFadin

Aleta Speir McFadin - July 13, 2017 at 09:03 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Frances Ellison Newton.



July 13, 2017 at 08:57 AM

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“ Frances and I became friends through Fairburn United Methodist Church. We enjoyed Bible studies together and going out to lunch with others in the group. We enjoyed traveling together on the church bus for many years. Frances loved her church and was always there to serve as long as she was able. Frances had a wonderful sense of humor too. If a situation got too tedious, she could come out with one of her gems of wisdom and everyone would dissolve into laughter. I think of her every time I pass the hand-painted gourd that she did especially for me with scenes of Fairburn, and Hudson Plaza. Weyman, Mary, and CD have welcomed Frances with open arms and a chorus of “What took you so long?”, but the chorus gave way to God’s proclaiming, “Well done my good and faithful servant”.



Margaret Kilgore - July 12, 2017 at 09:43 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Frances Ellison Newton.*



July 12, 2017 at 04:27 PM