



## Mary Elizabeth Ann Newman

September 24, 1930 - October 18, 2016

Mary Elizabeth Ann Newman, age 86, of Chanute, KS passed away on Tuesday, October 18, 2016 in Chanute. Mary was born on September 24, 1930 in Southampton, England the daughter of Leslie John and Dorothy Irene (Comley) Reid-Laurie.

When Mary was very young and still living in England, her father passed away. Then, during WWII, her mother fell in love with an American soldier from Chanute named Dana Goltry. In 1946, Dana returned to his home in the states and he brought his war bride and her daughter, Mary, with him. In 1947, Mary graduated from Chanute High School but she didn't remain in Chanute for long. In 1950 she returned to England and there she met and married David Newman on November 15, 1952 at Church of the Ascension in Southampton, England. They had two children together before moving back to Chanute in 1961.

Mary loved her family, especially her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She loved to knit and was very talented at it. She loved to give her blankets as gifts for babies and she also made hats and scarfs for church charities. Mary was member of the BPW, Democratic Party and Bottle and Relic Club.

Mary is survived by:

Husband:

David Newman

Children:

Tony Newman and wife Joan of Chanute

Jo Bunker and husband Oliver of Chanute

Grandchildren:

Dustin Bunker and wife Kristy of Chanute

Jeff Newman and wife Amelia of Topeka

Chris Newman and wife Sonnie of Houston

Great Grandchildren:

Andy Newman and Morgan Newman

Annistyn and Elliott Bunker

Mary was preceded in death by her parents.

Cremation has been requested. A Celebration of Life Service will be held at a later date. Online condolences may be left at: [www.countrysidefh.com](http://www.countrysidefh.com).

Families request memorials to Grace Episcopal Church or Castaways Animal Shelter and may be left with or mailed to the funeral home. Services have been entrusted to: Countryside Funeral Home 101 N. Highland, Chanute, KS 66720.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Mary was one of the sweetest persons we have ever had the chance to meet and know. She will be greatly missed. So sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

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**Melody & Roger Adwell** - November 09, 2016 at 09:55 AM

 Lois  
Christmas  
West

“ *I was scrolling through the online newspaper and was so shocked to see Mary in there. My heart sank. I love her so much, I am sure she touched everyone the same way with her loving gentle kindness. Her and David would shop at Wal-mart and I would catch them now and then....and it was such a treat for me to get to see them and talk with them. What a great family...all are so very nice....kids and all. Glad she touched my life!!!*

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**Lois Christmas West** - November 03, 2016 at 05:22 PM

JP

“ *So sorry to hear of Mary's passing. She was such a lovely lady and will be missed by so many. God bless her family through this difficult time. Hugs and prayers.*

*Joan Pope Daughter of Curley See and niece of Loren See who both worked at Merle Kelly Ford when she did.*

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**Joan Pope** - October 19, 2016 at 08:40 PM

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*So sorry to hear of your loss Jo, may God wrap his arms around all of you and help you thru these trying times. Gail Clements*

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**Gail Clements** - October 20, 2016 at 09:24 PM



*So sorry for your loss, Mary was always a very pleasant person, and my heart goes out to David, Tony, Jo, and all of the family. May God bless and comfort you all.*

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**Jerry Hughes** - October 25, 2016 at 12:36 PM