



Walter Newton

December 31, 1919 - September 27, 2011

Requiem Mass for Walter Newton, 91 of Bullard, will be held on Friday, September 30, 2011 at 2:00 PM at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church in Flint with Father Timothy Kelly officiating. Burial will follow Bullard Cemetery in Bullard under direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home. Mr. Newton passed away, Tuesday, September 27, 2011 at Emeritus of Pinehurst in Tyler. He was born December 31, 1919 in Cassville, New York to Gilbert A. and Leonore Newton. He lived a full life including dancing on Broadway with the Glenn Miller Band, with his wife of 70 years, Ginny Newton. He served as a CBI medic in the Army/Air Force in WWII. He retired from Carrier Corp after 40 years. He also had a golf cart repair business in Emerald Bay, where he resided with his wife Ginny since 1972. Mr. Newton was preceded in death by his daughter, Judy Newton Dark and four brothers. Walter is survived by his loving family including wife, Virginia "Ginny" Folts Newton; daughter, Karen Newton Vaughan and husband Connie; sons, Tim Newton and wife Vicki and Walter Newton, Jr. and wife Kay. Walt has twelve grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren. Pallbearers will be Connie Vaughan, Joe Dark, Chris Vaughan, Randy Parks, Denny Parks and Tayloe Ragland. Visitation is scheduled for Thursday, September 29 from 5:00 to 6:30 PM with Rosary following at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy., in Tyler. The family would like to mention how much they appreciate the love and care given to Walt by the staff at Emeritus of Pinehurst, Tyler, Texas in the Alzheimer's Unit. Memorials may be made to the Hospice of East Texas

Foundation, 1411 University Blvd., Tyler, Texas 75701. For more information or to express condolences, visit www.stewartfamilyfuneral.com.

Tribute Wall

GG

“ *What a privilege it was to meet your dad, and know what a fine man he was. Sorry, that I did not know him longer. I think the world of your Mom, (Virginia). I pray that God's ever presence is near a dear to you all during this time of sorrow. Love, Gennie*

Gennie Grundy - September 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ *I knew Mr. Newton just for the brief time he was with us at Briarcliff, but he made a real impression on me and I was very sorry to hear of his passing.*

I remember one time I was dancing with Chester at the back of the room- just goofing around and trying to get a smile, really- and he saw us and got a big grin on his face, pumped his fist in the air and shouted "Go! Go! Go!" He loved seeing other people enjoy themselves.

Once we were playing catch with a little beanbag thing waiting for lunch, and he told me that he knew his mind was fading, so he just tried to have the best time he could all the time. And, in spite of his circumstances, I believe he did. He brought a lot of joy to a place that doesn't see a lot of smiles and laughter.

*But my favorite memory is when I was introducing him to one of the other aides, and I wanted them to know the Glen Miller connection, so I said something like, "This is Mr. Newton, he used to be a dancer." He interrupted to correct me: "I'm *STILL* a dancer!" :)*

He was always a dancer, he was always a lot of fun, and the world was a little brighter when he was near. I'm happy to have known him, and will keep him in my prayers.

Thomas Bryner - September 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ Dear Ginny and Family,
I just read of Walter's passing in the Glenn Miller Birthplace Society newsletter. I remember so well of our wonderful visits together and the sharing of your dancing dates with Glenn Miller and His Orchestra. We were most pleased that you contributed so many memories and photos with the Glenn Miller Archive, American Music Research Center, University of Colorado Boulder. Those memories will continue to be enjoyed by future generations thanks to you and Walter. I would like for our audience at the Glenn Miller Birthplace Festival to have a moment of silence in memory of Walter. Please email me any additional memories to me as soon as possible.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Warm regards,

*Alan
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Alan Cass - September 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM