



Grover "Bud" Newton

September 28, 1922 - November 16, 2014

Grover C. "Bud" Newton

Bud passed away peacefully at home in Okoboji Nov. 16 at age 92. Bud was born in Emmet County about six miles southwest of Wallingford, IA to Grover and Nellie Kathryn Culbertson Newton on Sept. 28, 1922.

Bud is survived by his wife of 70 years Mary McBreen Newton and children Mike (Kathy), Kate Dickson (David), John (Darla), and JoAnne McCullough (Ben); eight grandchildren and four great grandchildren; and a sister Darlene Siefken (Jim). He was preceded in death by his parents, a daughter Kelly, one brother and five sisters.

Bud started school in Wallingford and when the family moved to a farm northwest of Superior in 1932, he attended North Superior School, graduating in 1940. He worked for neighbors until he joined the US Navy in Sept. 1942. Bud left for the Navy on his 20th birthday where he reported to boot camp and Aviation Ordnance Service School at Great Lakes, IL. He left Norfolk, VA in July 1943 for Brazil where he joined Navy Squadron V.B.127 as a combat air crewman on a Navy PV1 medium bomber. He and his fellow crew flew across the Atlantic Ocean the first week of September 1943 to a new base in Port Lyautey in French Morocco. They flew anti-sub patrol and convoy coverage over the Bay of Biscayne, the straits and mouth of the Mediterranean, and down the coast to the Canary Islands on a daily basis.

Bud returned to the U.S. as a 2nd class Petty Officer on Labor Day 1944. That evening he went to Arnolds Park and the Roof Garden where he was reacquainted with a friend, Mary McBreen, who had just graduated from nursing college as a registered nurse. The friendship kindled and they were married Dec. 28, 1944, at Northfield, MN by Father James O'Hara at St. Dominic's Church. Bud was a student at St Olaf College in pre-flight school, continuing on to the University of Georgia. He was discharged from the Navy in Nov. 1945.

He started farming in 1945 and continued until 1957 when the family moved to Tucson, AZ. He worked as a clerk in the US Post Office, returned to Iowa in 1961 and farmed for six years. In 1966 he built a new home on Big Spirit Lake. In 1967 he joined the firm of VanDyke Carlson selling real estate. One year later, he and Al Frahm and Garret Van Dyke formed the firm Van Dyke Frahm & Newton Inc. Bud retired in 1980. During the years as a realtor, he served in the capacity as president of Lakes Multiple Listing Service, president of Iowa Great Lakes Board of Realtors, president of Spirit Lake Rotary Club and Commander of VFW Post 4514 of Spirit Lake. He was a life member of the VFW and the American Legion and was a member of the Dickinson County Draft Board.

Bud and Mary started RV'ing in the mid 70's, traveling to many parts of the U.S. They settled later on wintering in Tucson, AZ and spending summers in Okoboji. Bud was an avid golfer. He enjoyed managing a foot long hot dog stand at the Clay County Fair for over 20 years. While in Tucson, he volunteered as a marshall for the Tucson Open golf tournament for many years, as well as working for the city during spring baseball training.

Of all the things Bud enjoyed most were the times with his family and friends from Tucson and Okoboji.

A funeral Mass will be held at 10:30A.M. Wednesday, November 19, 2014, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Spirit Lake. Visitation will be held Tuesday, from 4:00P.M. until 6:00P.M. at the Schuchert-Lentz Funeral Home. Burial will be at St. Margaret's Cemetery.

Tribute Wall

AM

“ *Mary, Our sympathy to you and your family at Bud's passing. Really enjoyed the pictures. Good memories. God be with you. Al and Reba Munson*

Al & Reba Munson - December 01, 2014 at 07:18 PM

TK

“ *JoAnne and family, I remember one time having a slumber party at your house, what fun. Your father just chuckled about the "little girls" who giggled constantly. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Theresa Baird Kuiper - November 26, 2014 at 04:19 PM

BD

“ *Grover "Bud" Newton*

Bill and Barb Doubleday. - November 20, 2014 at 07:16 PM

LP

“ *Newton family, my sympathies go out to your entire family. It is so hard to lose a husband/parent/grandparent/friend. I will be quite honest when I say that a day does not go by that I do not think about and talk to my dad. Grover is one of the Spirit Lake town "icons" that touched many lives. May all your memories make this time a little easier for you all. Hugs to all of you!*

Lori Pedersen - November 19, 2014 at 04:39 PM

VV

“ Bud and Mary were the first friends my parents had when we moved to Spirit Lake on the farm next door to theirs. Tracy and Mary Estes lived on the other adjoining farm, and both Bud and Tracy helped our family with that first 'putting in the crop' adventure. Bud and Mary continued their friendship with my parents after both Dad's quit farming. What a nice man, and a life well lived. My condolences to his extended family.

Vonnie Eich Veldman - November 19, 2014 at 11:22 AM

BK

“ John and Darla, sorry to hear the news of Bud...our sympathy to you and your family...

Bruce and Susan Klenken

Bruce Klenken - November 19, 2014 at 11:18 AM

BW

“ Mary and family, we send our sincere condolences at the passing of Bud. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. I loved all of the pictures. What a beautiful life you have had together.

Bev and Vern Wittler - November 19, 2014 at 11:07 AM

GL

“ When I was at my mom's in Tucson, next door to Bud and Mary and across the street from Billie and Harry - they were wonderful times. I will remember them forever. I loved going to the store, getting an Apple Crumbler pie and bringing some to you guys - and I made sure Bud had ice cream too. He loved it. I will miss you Bud. My mother will be looking for you!

Gary Leazenby - November 19, 2014 at 10:22 AM

NJ

“ *JoAnne and Family*
I am praying that you know God's peace and that you are able to celebrate your dad's wonderful life and the ways he touched so many people.

Nancy Johnson - November 19, 2014 at 05:52 AM

KH

“ *Sending you my deepest sympathy to all of the Newton family. Losing a parent is one of the hardest things I have ever been through - hold on to your memories it will help you get through this difficult time. Bud was a wonderful man!! Thoughts and prayers to all of you.*

Kim Yager Hain - November 17, 2014 at 08:38 PM

CM

“ *Mary, We enjoyed getting to spend time with you and Bud in Spirit Lake these last two summers. We will cherish the memories. Our thoughts are with you and your family.*

Chuck and Vicki McBreen - November 17, 2014 at 07:48 PM

SB

“ *My deepest sympathy to the Newton family. As is evidenced by the wonderful tribute video, Bud loved his family & friends! And what a wonderful tribute to him and his service to be the Grand Marshall at this year's Memorial Day services. Hold tight to all those wonderful memories! May God grant you comfort and peace. And JoAnne, I was so glad you called!*

Sue Boettcher - November 17, 2014 at 05:30 PM

CS

“ Grover "Bud" Newton

Chad Schuchert - November 17, 2014 at 04:58 PM

LB

“ Keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers!! You all have such a special place in our hearts! May God give you comfort in the days ahead. We love you!!

Margerite, Bev, Duane, Linda and our families

Linda L Butcher-Christoffer - November 17, 2014 at 04:25 PM

JW

“ Over the years we knew when summer had arrived. We would see Bud on the golf course with his little hat and big smile. We so enjoyed those times and our get togethers afterwards you will be so greatly missed by all. Mary and family our deepest sympathy to you all.

John and Shirley Walston - November 17, 2014 at 12:04 PM

JD

“ Mary and family, I remember Bud so well and the many golf games with Garrett. I loved his smile and his enthusiasm for life. He was a great partner of my Dad and Mary and Bud and Percella and Garrett enjoyed many fun times together over the years. Bud is with his Lord and Savior and at peace. Our sincerest heart felt sympathy to Mary and all of the family. May God Bless you now and forevermore. John and Lauren Van Dyke

John B. Van Dyke - November 17, 2014 at 11:32 AM

MW

“ Dear Mary So glad for the time we spent together this summer and in the past. Remembering the great camping trips and the fun we had. God will be there to help you. Condolences to all your family.

Margaret Wedeking. - November 17, 2014 at 07:43 AM

JR

“ Mary, Mike, John, JoAnne, and Kathy, we are so sorry for your loss, but rejoice that Bud is in the arms of Jesus now! He was one of a kind, an unforgettable man who will be missed by so many of us. May cherishing past memories bring comfort (and lots of laughs) to help in the healing of your loss of husband, father, grandfather. God bless--you are in our prayers!

Jim and Charlene Radcliffe - November 17, 2014 at 06:11 AM

CI

“ My deepest sympathy to the Newton family. Bud was a very honest and loving husband, father and grandfather, one to be proud of. May you find peace that he's now with the Lord and he's your guiding angel. So hard losing your parent(s), they are your rock and your foundation.

Cheryl Hummel Ihry - November 17, 2014 at 05:51 AM

KR

“ My deepest sympathy to Mary and the entire Newton family in your loss. I hope that your many happy memories will give you some peace in this difficult time. We have all been blessed to have Newt in our lives.

Kathy Reuland - November 17, 2014 at 01:05 AM

AP

“ JoAnne, Ben, Kelly and entire Newton family, My thoughts and prayers go out to your family during this difficult time. Cherish all the wonderful memories you made together. Deepest sympathy!

Amber Postma - November 16, 2014 at 09:02 PM

JB

“ Our hearts go out to Mary and the kids. He was a close friend and golf partner. We will miss him greatly but know we will be together again in the future. May God give Mary and all the family strength through this trying time.

Jack and Marcia Bedell - November 16, 2014 at 08:25 PM

WK

“ Our thoughts are with the Newton family as we know how very special fathers/grandfathers are to their family! Know that our prayers and love are with all of you. May memories fill your hearts and give you strength.

Wayne and Diana (Doocy) Koppen - November 16, 2014 at 07:40 PM