



## Phyllis Newell

September 15, 1948 - September 6, 2017

Phyllis Newell stepped into the arms of her heavenly Father on a beautiful September day surrounded by her family, in the comfort of the home she loved.

Phyllis was born on September 15, 1948 and lived most of her life in her beloved Carroll County. She graduated from Carrollton High School in 1966, then spent an additional year as a Rotary Exchange Student in Australia. She graduated from Malone College with a degree in Music Education and the University of Dayton with a Masters Degree in Education. She was a member of Peace Lutheran Church.

She taught elementary music in the Carrollton Schools for 41 years and loved (almost) every minute of it! Her music programs were legendary! Her primary motivation in teaching Music was to “teach kids to love and appreciate music.”

A farm girl at heart, she was a passionate lifelong gardener and achieved a bucket list goal by earning her Master Gardener Certification from OSU in 2013.

Phyllis was always interested in giving back to her community and proudly served on the Bell-Herron Scholarship Committee, Ohio Retired Teachers Association, the Alumni Board and the CEA Teachers Union. She was an

officer in most of these organizations. Phyllis also chaired a district committee for the Ohio Music Association. She was a volunteer at the Algonquin Mill.

She was preceded in death by her father, Robert C. Newell. She is survived by Dini Cheviron, her dearest friend and loving companion of 50 years; mother, Lois Newell; and siblings, Robert (Diana) Newell, Bonnie (Frank) Chiurco, Bill (Barb) Newell, Jim (Christine) Newell and Tum (Linda) Nguyen. She had several Godchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. She is greatly missed by her loving “therapy” cat, Chloe.

Phyllis was a beautiful soul and exemplified Christ’s love in every area of her life. She was rarely seen without a smile and always had a few minutes to talk and “catch-up.” She was loved by many and treasured by Dini and her family.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of Phyllis may be made to the Bell-Herron Scholarship Fund for the Phyllis Newell Music and Arts Scholarship, c/o the Stoneman Law Office, P.O. Box 326, Carrollton, Ohio 44615,

A Celebration of Life Service will be held September 30 at Peace Lutheran Church, 3828 Cleveland Ave. SE, Canton, Ohio 44707, at 11:00 a.m. with visitation from 10 a.m. until time of service.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **30**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Peace Lutheran Church  
3828 Cleveland Avenue SW  
Canton, OH 44707  
<http://peacecanton.org>

## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ My kids love music class and Roshelle went on to play flute, piccolo, and baritone in the band. I loved going to concerts.

Hope Fowler - September 30, 2017 at 09:49 AM

MH

“ Miss Newell always had a smile for everyone she met. Always upbeat and positive as she touched the lives of many families. Children always loved music, even my shyest child. She made each person she met feel special. Phyllis shared the live of Jesus each and every day. Well done good and faithful servant!

Margie Herrington - September 22, 2017 at 05:46 AM

VA

“ One of my favorite teachers at Dellroy Elementary School. She always had a smile on her face and made all of us kids feel special. I can still recite the 50 states in alphabetical order because of the song she taught us in 4th grade. She will be missed.

Vicesaha (Merryman) Alsept - September 21, 2017 at 01:31 PM

DR

“ Miss Newell will surely be missed. I had her when I went to Augusta for band and music. She made us laugh and taught us to appreciate music. She is one of those teachers you never forget. I still remember all the program songs by heart that she had our class do. I still sing them today and when I do sing them the memories of her flood my mind. She definitely left an impression. My heart and prayers are with her family and friends and many classmates who had her as a teacher.

Dawn Randal - September 21, 2017 at 02:11 AM

JS

“ *She loved and cared for everyone she met. A brilliant involved teacher that will never be forgotten by many students and fellow teachers. Phyllis gave all she could to any who would accept her kindness! She was a very special lady who looked for and found the good in everyone!*  
~JoAnn Scherr

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**JoAnn Scherr** - September 20, 2017 at 11:08 PM

GP

“ *Phyllis will be dearly missed, she was always smiling and always asked how my kids were. She remembered their names after decades. May God give peace and comfort to all of those who loved her. Sincerely, Gale Piatt*

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**gale piatt** - September 20, 2017 at 04:07 PM

DR

“ *Phyllis was such a kind and caring person and a great neighbor. She never failed to offer a lending hand if she felt you needed one. She will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Dini and all her family at this time of sorrow. Mike & Dee*

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**Delores Ross** - September 20, 2017 at 12:54 PM

BN

“ *I am so sorry to hear about Phyllis' passing.....she was a special person and my sympathy goes to her entire family.....all good people and loved in our community....hugs to all*

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**Beverly Nape-Young** - September 20, 2017 at 11:05 AM

RS

“ She was my music teacher at Augusta Elementary and was such a special person. Her attitude and demeanor was always so welcoming and she always was encouraging. She has a special place in my heart forever. I got to know her father also and it is comforting to know they are reunited and free from all earthly bounds. God bless the remaining family my thoughts and prayers are with you.

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**Roger Swain** - September 20, 2017 at 10:44 AM

SW

“ Ms. Newell will surely be missed! She touched so many lives during her time as a music teacher! Her love for music and her students was so evident every day in class. She had a special gift for cultivating a love for music and finding ways for everyone to get involved and have fun while doing it. She was always one of my biggest encouragers at Augusta Elementary. She really helped me grow, explore, and appreciate music from Kindergarten on, while also challenging me to go outside my comfort zone. I will forever be thankful for the things she taught me and the support she provided throughout my elementary years.

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**Sarah Wagner** - September 20, 2017 at 08:02 AM

PJ

“ I'll never forget our trip to Cape Hatteras!! What fun we had! RIP prayers always. Po Jordan

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**Po Jordan** - September 20, 2017 at 05:51 AM

CJ

“ *Crissie Jurkiewicz lit a candle in memory of Phyllis Newell*



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**Crissie Jurkiewicz** - September 20, 2017 at 05:15 AM

CJ

*My sincerest condolences to her family and friends.*

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**Crissie Jurkiewicz** - September 20, 2017 at 05:15 AM



*She was my music teacher at Augusta many years ago. Loved her and she will be missed! Kathy*

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**Kathy Sexton-Carver** - September 20, 2017 at 03:03 PM

CB

“ *Crystal Bryan Bach lit a candle in memory of Phyllis Newell*



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**Crystal Bryan Bach** - September 19, 2017 at 11:37 PM

 Bryan Winn

“ *Takes me back to the 80 - 86 school years at Dellroy Elementary Miss Newell was the music teacher she will surely be missed by many*

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**Bryan Winn** - September 19, 2017 at 11:35 PM

CB

“ *Crystal Bryan Bach sent a virtual gift in memory of Phyllis Newell*



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**Crystal Bryan Bach** - September 19, 2017 at 11:29 PM

CB

*This virtual ray of sunshine is how Ms Newell was with everyone she touched, in school as a teacher and outside of school. My mother had Ms Newell in school also and she inspired my mother to be an awesome drum player in her high school years... I always loved being around her in school and when I seen her outside of school. My the Lord imbrace her friends, family, and all of her MANY students over the 40+ yrs she touched everyone's life being the BEST music teacher EVER!!!*

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**Crystal Bryan Bach** - September 19, 2017 at 11:35 PM

TS

“ *Miss Newell was a outstanding educator and to this day I still remember some of the things she taught us in music class. I remember her having us sing songs in front of the class. And no matter what you wanted to sing she always allowed it. No matter if it was one of the many top hits of that year or something not making radio play. She truly had a wonderful impact on many. I remember the movie she played for the entire Dellroy Elementary at the end of the year. It covered lots of life lessons. She is now singing with the angels as she should.*

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**Travis Steffl** - September 19, 2017 at 10:22 PM

 Tammy  
Newbold

“ After my dog bite in 1995 , they told me I would never play flute. I had my heart set on it.... So I tried anyhow. Ms Newell worked hard with me. Every day we practiced and I got better. She got me into private lessons which allowed me to play at mount union for the honors flute choir for 4 years while in high school. She made me the musician I am today. She never gave up on me, even when it got tough bc my mouth was tired and sore. She never let me quit. Thank you for everything ms Newell. You pushed me to always be better and I could never repay you for the gift of music you gave me <3

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**Tammy Newbold** - September 19, 2017 at 10:14 PM

CB



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**Crystal Bryan Bach** - September 19, 2017 at 11:25 PM

LO

“ I have many fond memories of Phyllis. I had the privilege of being her student at Dellroy Elementary and her neighbor at Atwood Lake. My fondest memory of her was a neighborhood bonfire where she led us in campfire songs. I will always remember her warm smile and kind heart. Sending prayers for peace to Dini and the rest of her family.

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**Lisa Fischer Owen** - September 19, 2017 at 09:21 PM

DH

“ I loved working with Phyllis....she had a beautiful gift of music that she shared with all the kids she came in contact with. Her love and passion showed every day and I am so blessed to have been able to sit in her class and watch her talent shine . I will miss her terribly....Dee

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**Dee Harter** - September 19, 2017 at 09:07 PM

LW

“ *She Was so helpful and loving. Enjoyed her help at Rose twp. Precinct last year. So sorry or your loss. She will be missed.*

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**Leanna Weir** - September 19, 2017 at 07:20 PM

KB

“ *Miss Newell was one of the best and most memorable teachers I ever had. Such an amazing rapport with students and a genuinely kind-hearted woman. She will be greatly missed.*

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**Katy Borland** - September 19, 2017 at 05:41 PM

SA

“ *prayers Newell Family And many Thoughts Music classes at willis were the best with mrs Newell! She will always be in our hearts! <3*

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**Sarah** - September 19, 2017 at 05:33 PM

NF

“ *I knew Phyllis from high school days and beyond. She was a wonderful person & I am deeply saddened that she had to suffer with cancer & lose her battle. I express sincere sympathy to all of her family upon their loss. Nancy Fierbaugh*

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**Nancy Fierbaugh** - September 19, 2017 at 05:14 PM

AW

“ *Miss Newell was such a happy energetic music teacher when I attended Willis! Then when my son was at Augusta Elementary, I remember coming to the Christmas sing-a-long that she led, and most of the music was about Jesus' birth. At a time when most people are afraid to share about Jesus in school, she let her light shine!!*

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**Amy Worth** - September 19, 2017 at 05:13 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Yellow and White was purchased for the family of Phyllis Newell.*



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September 19, 2017 at 05:05 PM