



Zelma "Sis" Newberry

July 3, 1945 - March 18, 2021

Zelma "Sis" Newberry, 75 of Estero, FL passed away Thursday, March 18, 2021 at Lee Health – Coconut Point. She had been an Estero resident since 1959. Zelma was born July 3, 1945 in Chicago, IL the daughter of the late Frank and Melba (Bordeau) Martin. She was raised in Tampa, FL and moved to Big Pine Key, FL then Fort Myers, FL before settling in Estero.

Sis was a longtime civic leader in the Estero community and was instrumental in the development of the Estero Historical Society. She also volunteered countless hours for many different organizations in the village. Sis led fundraising to lobby for Estero High School and stood up at council meetings to protect the environment.

Survivors include her beloved husband of 45 years, Donald L. Newberry; loving children, Tina Haworth, Laura Smith, Doug Gaskill and Jay Newberry; cherished grandchildren, Michael Scott, Tamara Cottrell, Steven Waters, Stewart Waters, Shelby McBurney, Kersti Odum, Stephanie Denton, Brittany Scott, Jocelyn Zhao, Destiny Haworth, and Jacob Newberry; and adored great grandchildren, Xander Scott, Brynn Scott, Bo Scott, Morgan Odum, Isabella Waters, Melanie Ward, Luke Denton, Makenna McBurney, Nova McBurney, Freyja Denton and Silas Zhao. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her daughter Regina Scott in 2005.

Celebration of Life Service will be held Saturday March 27, 2021 at 11:00 AM at Estero United Methodist Church at 8088 Lords Way Street, Estero, FL 33928. We ask that you wear colors in order to honor her style.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Sis's name may be made to the Estero Bay Buddies. 700-1 Fisherman's Wharf, Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931. <https://esterobaybuddies.org/adopt-a-nest/> or 239-530-1005

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home, Family Owned Since 1978.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAR 27. 11:00 AM (ET)

Estero United Methodist Church
8088 Lords Way Street
Estero, FL 33928

Tribute Wall



“ *Zelma "Sis" Newberry*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *Remembering Wednesday Night Suppers. Love you Sis.*

Patti Dickmon - March 27, 2021 at 12:35 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



CAROL TARPEY - March 26, 2021 at 08:15 PM



“ *No matter how bad of a day Don would be having once he started talking about his wife a smile came across his face and his excitement was obvious. To know this, is to know "Sis", her impact on Don and the world around her.*

Steve B - March 25, 2021 at 10:18 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Zelma "Sis" Newberry.*



March 24, 2021 at 01:35 PM



“ *Cheryl Davis lit a candle in memory of Zelma "Sis" Newberry*



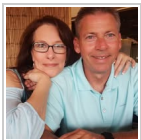
Cheryl Davis - March 24, 2021 at 12:22 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Zelma "Sis" Newberry.*



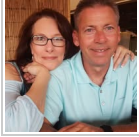
March 24, 2021 at 11:21 AM



“ *Pamela Fernandez lit a candle in memory of Zelma "Sis" Newberry*



Pamela Fernandez - March 23, 2021 at 11:19 PM



“ One of my favorite pictures of Sis and I. I was so sad to hear this news of my beautiful friend having passed away. One would say her job here is done. She will be so missed by all. She touched everyone's life she knew. I feel so special to have had the pleasure to know Sis and call her my friend! Love you always Sis.



Pamela Fernandez - March 23, 2021 at 11:16 PM

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“ 3 files added to the album *A Season of Time with my Dear Friend, Sis*



CAROL TARPEY - March 23, 2021 at 11:36 AM

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“ RBS Install Dept. purchased the *Glorious Grace Bouquet* for the family of Zelma "Sis" Newberry.



RBS Install Dept. - March 23, 2021 at 10:06 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Zelma "Sis" Newberry.*



March 23, 2021 at 09:06 AM



“ *My heart broke when I got the news of Sis's passing. I've missed seeing her this past year, and now all we have are our memories. I first met Sis at a Bible study at the parsonage 24 years ago. She had a colorful personality, and I always looked forward to seeing her. I adored her wearing hats on Easter morning. I will miss her.*

Donna Coppage - March 23, 2021 at 08:51 AM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Susan Schermerhorn Hanson - March 22, 2021 at 08:34 PM



“ *2 files added to the album A Season of Time with my Dear Friend, Sis*



CAROL TARPEY - March 22, 2021 at 08:29 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album *Memories Album*



CAROL TARPEY - March 22, 2021 at 05:37 PM