



Joyce Ann Newhouse

February 13, 1943 - June 6, 2026

Joyce Ann Newhouse 83 of Winfield, WV formerly of Elkview, WV passed away on June 6, 2026 at Hubbard Hospice House.

She was born on February 13, 1943 to the late Owen Paul Foster and Leora Elvira White Foster. In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by her husband, Harold Thomas Newhouse; grandson, Christopher Allen Webb; and several beloved cousins.

Joyce was a bright-eyed girl who was the oldest of three daughters. She was a proud big sister to Sue and Sherry, telling many stories about growing up together, lots of which were vivid, exciting, and made you laugh a real laugh. She had a gift for laughter: she was ornery without hesitation.

That mischievous little girl grew into the kind of woman who turned heads when she entered a room. She was stunning and knew it. You couldn't overlook Joyce, her energy demanded attention. She had bright red hair and crystal blue eyes, the kind that are piercing yet gentle, the eyes that are easy to get lost in when the sun shines revealing vast arrays of blues and grays. Like most ladies with red hair, she had a particular color palette that was deemed acceptable and hell hath no fury like Joyce when forced to wear red. That's not truly relevant but after 33 years of marriage her husband never picked up on it so it's earned an honorable mention.

Joyce graduated from Clendenin High School and went on to work for the Pentagon. She always spoke highly of the folks she worked with, especially the high ranking officers who treated her as family.

After leaving Washington D.C., Joyce moved herself and her two sons back home to Clendenin. Once she settled, she began a career at Elk Refinery where she worked until she married Tom. The tale of Tom and Joyce is a true testament of fate, "We were at the VFW and he asked me out. I meant to say no but I slipped and said yes. Now, here we are." After that night, they fell in love, and when he proposed, she said yes again-this time on purpose (probably). She then spent her days raising her family and dancing at the VFW.

Joyce was a proud member of the Elkview VFW Post 8516 Ladies Auxiliary. She was an active member who attended many meetings, conventions, fundraisers, and funerals where she honored those who served their country and bestowed a passion for the departed in the tiny brown eyes that absorbed her every move.

She was a former VFW Auxiliary State President which gave her the ability to travel the United States. Joyce treasured her time as State President and used her talent for service. She was given many awards for her loving, passionate, and dutiful devotion to veterans across the country.

Joyce was many things in life, but her greatest role was that of "Granny." She was not an ordinary woman in any way, she was truly extraordinary and that shone brightest when she became a grandmother. Joyce wasn't just a Granny- she was The Granny.

She could always be found with a granddaughter in hand wherever she was

and more often than not she had both granddaughters and a car packed full of their friends too.

Granny made it all possible. She put many hours into shuffling her granddaughter around but she guaranteed her girls had the opportunities she only dreamed about as a child. She showed up consistently, regardless of what extracurricular activity it was and she became Team Granny. When she bought for one, she bought for everyone: including the entire Herbert Hoover High School Marching Band on any given Friday night. She fiercely loved and supported her band kids, there was never a doubt about that.

In her later years she enjoyed the little things: spending time with her family, going out to eat, and taking her grand girls shopping. Shopping with Granny was always a treat. She never hesitated to spend money if it brought a smile to her babies' faces. Many times Mom said no and Granny smiled, batted her lashes, and said, "Would it really hurt anything if I..." knowing the response was irrelevant. If there ever was a "no", she found a way around it.

Joyce believed in legacy. She believed in where you came from, what you carried forwards, and what you left behind. In the people who were lucky enough to love her, you will find pieces of her everywhere- her humor, her stubbornness, her generosity, her softness, and her refusal to ever love halfway. She was the perfect example of what it means to be compassionate, intelligent, generous, resilient, hilarious, and strong. She would never have called herself any of those things- but she lived them every day.

Joyce's legacy is not quiet nor small. It is loud, loving, stubborn, funny, and absolutely unmissable. It shows up in her family, her friends, and every life she touched just by being exactly who she was.

Surviving Granny are her two sons: Michael and Stephen (Amy) Foster; her granddaughters: Stephanie Foster, Allyson (Wes) Foster McLean, Emily Blake, and Jenna Blake; grandson, Owen Foster; sisters: Karen Sue Hartley and Sharon Given; great granddaughters: Mariah and Harleigh Foster, Laney and Amelia Riffe, Zoey and Evelyn Black, and Maisey McLean; best friend, Yvonne Crawford; a family of Auxiliary Sisters; along with many more who loved our spunky Granny and will miss her immensely.

Thank you to Crystal, Allison, MaKayla, and several other staff members at Putnam Center, as well as the staff at Hubbard Hospice House. Thank you is never enough, but the comfort you brought her and her family is immeasurable and we are eternally grateful.

Funeral Service for Joyce will be 1:00pm Thursday June 11, 2026 at Chapman Funeral Home In Hurricane, WV with Pastor Jonathan DeWeese officiating. Burial will follow in Elk Hills Memorial Park Big Chimney, WV.

Friends may visit the family two hours prior to the start of the service.

“You’re my BFF.”

Online memories may be left by visiting Joyce’s tribute page at: www.chapmanfuneralhomes.com.

Chapman Funeral Home located at 3941 Teays Valley Road Hurricane, WV 25526 is honored to serve the Newhouse Family.

Cemetery Details

Elk Hills Memorial Park

4705 Pennsylvania Avenue
Charleston, WV 25302

Upcoming Events

Visitation

JUN 11. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ My husband and I are so sorry to hear of the passing of Joyce. Joyce talked me into becoming President of Auxillary 7756 after joining. She told me she needed a break. Joyce along with Mary Bess encouraged me to run for State President which I did. Joyce was a wonderful mentor to me.

During my first year starting as Guard Ray was offered a job in Gillette, WY. We moved before I could move up the ladders. We lived there for 20 years & we became post and auxiliary members there.

We so enjoyed being with Joyce and Mary. Joyce travelled with Mary to many of the functions in the VFW Post 7756 & Auxiliary. Complete opposites in disposition.

We had many good times with Joyce and I often loaned her my husband to dance with. She loved to dance. The last time we saw either of them was in Phoneix AZ many years ago at VFW National Convention.

She loved and enjoyed the Auxillary and all it's travels and functions.

Sincere prayers and condolences to her family and close friends.

Ray and Dianne Cassell

Linda D Cassell - 3 hours ago

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“ Linda D Cassell lit a candle in memory of Joyce Newhouse



Linda D Cassell - 3 hours ago