



Ms. Mary Catherine Newell

November 15, 1945 - September 20, 2025

Ms. Mary Catherine Newell, 79, of Chandler, passed from this life on September 20, 2025, in Tyler surrounded by her loving family. She was born November 15, 1945, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and was raised in Glendale, Wisconsin graduating from Nicolet High School.

Mary went on to an illustrious career as a nationally renowned dog trainer. She was passionate about training and won numerous awards for her efforts. This carried her all over the United States, and she trained dogs for several Major League Baseball players along with many others. Her son even found her in the World Book of Encyclopedias in the 1980s. Upon moving to East Texas in 1981, Mary was a partner and operated Double M Kennels, now A Dog House, in Flint. After her time in the dog training field had run its course, Mary went to work for JC Penney in Tyler from which she retired.

Ms. Newell was fun, full of energy and sass, and could be the life of the party. She was well travelled and enjoyed the outdoors and gardening around her home. Mary also loved rescuing furry creatures, mainly dogs and cats, and had done some volunteer work with the local humane society. Above all, she was a loving and devoted mother, loving grandmother, aunt and friend. Mary never failed to ask about how the grandkids or other family and friends were doing.

She was preceded in death by her mother Mary Jacobs, her long-time companion John Pennington, sister Carol Turkiewicz and husband Dave, and her nephew Scott Turkiewicz.

Survivors include her son Eric Newell and wife Connie of Lubbock; granddaughters Erin Bender and husband Jon and their children Elijah, Leona Catherine, and William, and Aliea Newell of Seattle, Washington; bonus grandchildren Travis Orr and wife Olivia and their children Silas, Hudson and Avery of Henderson, Preston Orr of Henderson, and Dalton Orr and wife Holly and their son Oliver of Mabank; niece Erin Turkiewicz Thomsen and husband Andy and their children Jordan and Joshua of Horicon, Wisconsin; niece Jenny Turkiewicz, and her two children Gracie and Matthew of Wisconsin; and a host of extended family and many friends.

A gathering to celebrate Mary's extraordinary life will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to A Dog House in Flint TX at 20150 CR 1100, Flint, TX 75762, or your local Humane Society.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at www.crawfordacrim.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ My name is Ricky Addy. I Sold Miss Mary her house that her granddaughter had promised her when she was 10 years old. Had to demo her old home, but she knew what she wanted, she was feisty and funny. I'm so glad I got to be a part of that, she was an incredible lady. She will be missed terribly, she is with the Lord now, I know she is content. My condolences to the family, I know I will never forget her.

Ricky Addy - September 25, 2025 at 06:37 PM

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“ Mom brought these boots down from Wisconsin in 1980. Even though the laces had deteriorated to nothing, she finally got an opportunity to did them out for a big Texas snow storm in 2021. ❤️



Eric Newell - September 24, 2025 at 10:36 AM