



## Claire G. Owen

July 7, 1920 - February 11, 2017

COLEBROOK— Claire G. Owen, 96, of Colebrook, passed away early Saturday morning, Feb. 11, 2017, at the Coos County Nursing Hospital in W. Stewartstown surrounded by members of her loving family.

She was born in Bath, Me., on July 7, 1920, a daughter to the late Matthew and Adelle (Moore) Greenleaf. Claire was raised in Sanford, Me., and graduated from Farmington State Normal School in 1941. She began a long teaching career at the Cone School in Columbia, NH, that same fall.

Claire came to the Colebrook school to teach 6th grade in 1943. Her teaching career in Colebrook continued for the next 34 years, where she had three generations of students from many local families. She married Frank Owen in 1944. Since 1961, she enjoyed many wonderful times at Kamptukumtu on Diamond Pond with her family.

She was a member of the Monadnock Congregational Church in Colebrook, the American Legion Auxiliary, and a member and Past Matron and Past Grand Ruth of the Eureka Chapter #2, Order of the Eastern Star, also serving as secretary for the chapter for 17 years. She was also active in the local PTA when her children were in school. She was a member and past president of the Metallak Retired Teachers Association. Following her retirement from teaching, Claire continued to do volunteer work at UCVH, for the chamber of commerce, and the blood bank. She was an avid bridge player, as well.

Claire leaves behind her three children, Gerald Owen and wife Paulette of Colebrook, Lynne Placey of Stewartstown, and Jeffrey Owen and wife Carol of Canterbury, NH; 11 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

She is predeceased by her husband of 60 years, Frank H. Owen in 2005, and her sister, Golden Parsons.

Calling hours will be on Thursday, Feb. 16, 2017, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Jenkins &

Newman Funeral Home in Colebrook. An Order of the Eastern Star service will be held just prior at 5:45 p.m. A funeral service will follow the next morning at 11 a.m. at the Monadnock Congregational Church in Colebrook. Burial will be in the spring at the Colebrook Village Cemetery of which notice will be given.

Expressions of sympathy in memory of Mrs. Owen may be made to the UCVH Capital Campaign Fund, c/o P. Vargas, 181, Corliss Lane, Colebrook, NH 03576.

Condolences may be offered to the family on-line by going to [www.jenkinsnewman.com](http://www.jenkinsnewman.com).

Arrangements are under the direction of Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home, Colebrook, NH.

# Cemetery

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## **Colebrook Village Cemetery**

North Main Street, U.S. Route 3  
Colebrook, NH,

# Events

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**FEB** **Visitation** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

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Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home  
103 Main Street, Colebrook, NH, US

**FEB** **Service** 11:00AM

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Monadnock Congregational Church  
Main Street, Colebrook, NH, US

# Comments

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“ Lynne, Jerry, Jeff and families, We extend our sympathies to all of you on the passing of your Mom. She is one of the last of a great generation of Colebrook parents that help guide all the kids and was greatly respected. A lot of us our better people due to her commitment to Colebrook. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you, As your Dad use to say " from one of your barnyard cousins". Lee & Monique Owen and family

Lee Owen - February 19, 2017 at 10:32 AM

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“ Our sincere sympathy to al of you,  
Dennis and Jean

jean - February 17, 2017 at 03:49 PM

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“ Growing up the Hughes family were very close, and Frank Owen was always there. So, we called him "Uncle Frank Hughes". Miss Greenleaf came to Colebrook and became my 6th grade teacher. And through my aunts Franis &, Carolyn AND "Uncle Frank" she became another aunt to me.

Learning was fun in her classroom--and she could sing!! Special memories.

alan and cathie hughes - February 17, 2017 at 09:34 AM

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“ Jeff, Jerry and Lynne,  
Sorry to hear about the loss of our Mom - saw her often at Sally's Beauty Shop in West Stewartstown and she would get me caught up on the family. Such a strong lady and  
was a terrific example to all women. "He"has taken her home now and one day you'll get to see her again. Prayers for your families.  
Claire Martineau

Claire Martineau - February 16, 2017 at 06:45 PM

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“ Lynne, Jerry and Jeffrey,  
We are sorry about the loss of your mother, she was a great women. We will miss her here at Diamond Pond, we had great times together over the years and her laugh was always something special. Colebrook has lost a special person, the last of

a great group of people - Dick & Carolyn, Bob & Ellie, Charlie & Frances, Dean & Jean, Dad & Mom and others. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of your loss. Charles O and Shirley Stevens

**Charles O & Shirley Stevens** - February 16, 2017 at 04:25 PM

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“ Dear Lynne, Gerry, and Jeff,  
You have all been in my thoughts and prayers ever since I learned of Claire's passing. I have wonderful memories of her and always think of her with fondness. You were truly blessed to have her for a Mom.

**Virginia Earley** - February 16, 2017 at 03:38 PM

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“ My thoughts and prayers are with you

**Linda Haynes** - February 16, 2017 at 08:36 AM

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“ Love's Tapestry was purchased for the family of Claire G. Owen.



February 15, 2017 at 09:31 AM

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“ My condolences to all the family of Claire. She was a great teacher and a favorite of mine.

**Bob Noyes** - February 15, 2017 at 08:47 AM

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“ Gerry, I did not know your mother, but I would like to express my sympathy and well wishes to you and your family.

Sincerely, Gary Richards

**Gary Richards** - February 15, 2017 at 08:42 AM

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“ Lynne, Jerry and Jeff, we were so sorry to hear of your loss. Your Mom was an extraordinary woman in a time when it wasn't easy to be one. She was an example to many, especially her students, and made a lasting impression on many lives. Hoping your memories bring you and your families comfort.  
Jim and Janeane Pike

**Janeane Pike** - February 15, 2017 at 07:27 AM

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“ From your Hulse cousins, Martha, Jim, Ed, & Heather purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Claire G. Owen.



**From your Hulse cousins, Martha, Jim, Ed, & Heather** - February 14, 2017 at 09:31 PM

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“ Lynn, Jerry, and Jeff your mom is part of the fabric of Diamond Pond memories and it is a delight to remember her smile and laugh and her friendship with my mom. Blessings from your cousin, Martha

**Martha Zook** - February 14, 2017 at 08:42 PM

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“ Sincere sympathy to the entire family. Claire was a wonderful woman and when I was in Colebrook visiting, I so enjoyed seeing her at church and catching up. She leaves you all with wonderful memories.

Love to all, Yvan & Cookie (Boudle) Lambert

**Gloria Lambert** - February 14, 2017 at 08:56 AM

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“ Dear Jeff & Carol, our sincere condolences to you for the loss of your Mom. May God comfort you and wrap His arms around you during this difficult time.

In Christ,  
Preston & Karen Lawrance



**Preston Lawrance** - February 13, 2017 at 09:07 PM

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“ sorry for your loss. She was a great teacher, and a friend.



**barbara daley** - February 13, 2017 at 06:45 PM

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“ So sorry to hear of your loss Jeff. God has taken her home and we can rejoice. Your good memories will remind you of her love for you. May God comfort you and your family through your grieving time. A sister in Christ, Gloria Cox

**Gloria Cox** - February 13, 2017 at 03:48 PM

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“ Lynne and family, so sorry for your loss. I had your mother for a teacher for two plus years at Cedar Brook School. I remember that one winter day it was too bad for us to go outside at recess so she was "trying" to teach us to square dance. I don't think she was having a lot of luck. She said to my cousin and I that we walked like farmers. Well, we were farmers children. I still can't dance. That wasn't one of my things.

Also when I was a junior in High School my English teacher some of us that she didn't know who our teacher was when we learned how to diagram sentences but she taught us well. It was your mother.

Those one room country school houses didn't do too badly on education.

Again sorry for your loss.

Rosalie Owen



“ Lynne, Gerry and Jeff, So sorry to learn of the passing of your mother. A vivid memory I have is that Mrs Owen brought a TV into the classroom for the 1967 Red Sox "Impossible Dream" World series against the Cardinals. She was a true fan and a great teacher to us all.

Randall Brungot - February 13, 2017 at 02:42 PM

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“ Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Claire G. Owen.



February 13, 2017 at 02:22 PM

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“ Dear Jeff, Carol and Family,  
My deepest condolences to you and your family at this difficult time. Prayers are with each of you as your Mom has gone home to her final resting place. May God be with you and offer you peace that surpasses all understanding. In Faith, Jodi Sottilaro



Jodi - February 13, 2017 at 02:01 PM

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“ Jeff & Carol. So sorry to hear about your Mom. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this very difficult time. Tom & Carol Ann Stevens

Carol Ann Stevens - February 13, 2017 at 12:50 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Claire G. Owen.



February 13, 2017 at 10:36 AM

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“ Thoughts and prayers are with the Owen family at this time.

**Janet Washburn** - February 13, 2017 at 07:06 AM

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“ Lynne, Jerry, and Jeff, and all my cousins of the next generations - I'm sorry we have lost Claire, and my thoughts go out to all of you. She had a long, caring, and productive life, and it is a community loss as well as a personal one.

**Nancy Dodge** - February 13, 2017 at 06:57 AM

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“ Sending love and comfort to the whole Owen/Placey family. Claire was the first teacher who demanded excellence from me, truly, and she has always had a special place in my heart. Every day that I teach my students I hope I have the same sort of lasting impact she had on me. She gave so much to the community...a matriarch not just to your family, but in spirit to so many more. Hers was certainly a life well lived.

**Amy Samson** - February 13, 2017 at 12:12 AM

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“ My deepest condolences to Jeff, Jerry and Lynne and your families. Your Mom is being remembered fondly as a caring teacher and Congregational church member. I remember working with her for those spaghetti dinners. She was a great, feisty lady and will be greatly missed.

**Joy Frizzell** - February 12, 2017 at 11:26 PM

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“ Our condolences go out to the Owen family on your loss. I had Mrs. Owen in school for science. She was a hard but fair teacher. We all were better for having her as a teacher.



“ It was my privilege to serve along Mrs. Owens when I first starting teaching at Colebrook Elementary in 1982. My sympathy to the Owen family. Ken Delorge.

ken delorge - February 12, 2017 at 09:26 PM

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“ Our sincere condolences to Jerry and Paulette, and to all of the family.

Bob and Lisa Vashaw

Lisa Vashaw - February 12, 2017 at 09:00 PM

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“ My sincere sympathy to the entire Owen Family. Harry and I met you when we came to Colebrook in 1968 and counted you among our extended family. Claire's skill in working with the students she taught gave them a lifetime of education. May you know God's peace and love as you share this special time together.

Love,  
Carol M. Bartlett

Carol Bartlett - February 12, 2017 at 08:36 PM

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“ Jerry,Paulette and the Owen family. So sorry for the loss of your mother. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Roger and Carol Tremblay  
Errol, N.H.

Carol & Roger Tremblay - February 12, 2017 at 08:14 PM

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“ I have so many fond memories of your mom, grandmother and great grandmother that I don't really know where to begin. I thoroughly enjoyed interviewing her for the Columbia History book. and then when I retired, I became a member of retired teachers of which she had been a member for many years. I expressed an interest in bridge and viola, she, Ginnie Stickney and my good friend, Sarah Cummings, came to the house every week to play bridge and I soon found out that I had a lot to learn. We had a lot of fun and I will never forget those good times. One day they had to wait because I was ordering something on line and having a hard time doing it. Claire said "why don't you just pick up the phone and order it, it will be a lot quicker." She was

right and I repeat that. quote quite often when I am trying to order something. on line. When I first became secretary of retired teachers, I tried to get everything everyone said into my notes. She said "we don't need to hear the whole meeting just condense it." I was very careful after that to just hit the highlights. She was right again. Wonderful memories as I am sure you all have. My deepest sympathy and prayers are with you all.

**Patty Hart** - February 12, 2017 at 08:09 PM

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“ To Claire's family, I have many fond memories of your mother. She was my eighth grade teacher, my cheerleading advisor, and neighbor on Bridge Street. Her teaching legacy will live on in her students. She was a caring, thoughtful teacher. Years later when I would go to Claire's and Frank's house with my father to cut a Christmas tree we talked about her teaching days. She spoke of them fondly..... My sincerest sympathies on the loss of your mother..... May you all find peace in your memories.

**Darlene (Klebe) Cote & family** - February 12, 2017 at 07:42 PM

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“ So sorry for your loss



**Thelma Baker** - February 12, 2017 at 07:12 PM

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“ Penny & Sawyer lit a candle in memory of Claire G. Owen



**Penny & Sawyer** - February 12, 2017 at 07:08 PM

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“ Although I did not know Claire in her younger years it has been my true pleasure to know her in her last few years. I loved her laugh, loved hearing about her life and very much enjoyed time spent with her. Sawyer and I will never forget our ' Miss Claire ' a true gem of a lady. I know she and Frank are dancing once again

**Penny & Sawyer** - February 12, 2017 at 07:06 PM

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“ My condolences for the whole family. Thank-you Claire for helping me years ago to get my G.E.D. You didn't give up on me.

**ROSALIE KING** - February 12, 2017 at 06:48 PM

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“ Gerald, Lynne and Jeff  
I am very sorry to hear of the passing of your mom. My thoughts and prayers are with all of your families.

**Cindy Brigham** - February 12, 2017 at 06:48 PM

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“ Jerry,  
  
Your mom was a very special lady. Please know that we share in your grief and extend our deepest sympathy to you and your family.

Peter & Barbara Murgia

**Peter & Barbara** - February 12, 2017 at 06:42 PM

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“ Thoughts and prayers to the whole family. She was a great teacher!!



**DeeDee Davis** - February 12, 2017 at 06:37 PM

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“ Priscilla Barnes lit a candle in memory of Claire G. Owen



**Priscilla Barnes** - February 12, 2017 at 06:18 PM

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“ My heart and prayers go out to the whole family. She was a wonderful teacher as well as a family matriarch. She is again with Frank, and at peace. May your good memories help you get through these sad times. Mary Ellen Uran

**Mary Ellen Uran** - February 12, 2017 at 06:15 PM

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“ One of my favorite teachers. I learned so much from her. She was the kind of teacher who truly cared about you. My sympathies to the Owen family.

**faith adair** - February 12, 2017 at 05:56 PM

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“ My very deepest sympathy to the family. She was a wonderful woman and an excellent teacher. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.



**Judy Hunt Budge** - February 12, 2017 at 05:47 PM

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“ My deepest sympathies to all the family! Mrs. Owen was an amazing woman and a great teacher to many generations. Thoughts and prayers to you all.

**Tori Smart** - February 12, 2017 at 05:23 PM

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“ Linda Clogston lit a candle in memory of Claire G. Owen



Linda Clogston - February 12, 2017 at 05:16 PM

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“ Lynne, Jerry, Jeff and families. So sorry for your loss, she was a terrific woman. Great science teacher, friend and above all a wonderful neighbor! I enjoyed so many visits with her and you dad in later years, whenever they were at the hospital they would contact me and we would have a great visit. Keeping up on all of you and talking about the Best street in Colebrook, and that would be Bridge St. Sympathies and prayers to all the whole family!

Our Best,  
Robert and Cindy Noyes Bissonnette



Cindy Bissonnette - February 12, 2017 at 05:12 PM

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“ We are so very sorry for your loss. To Lynne, Jerry, and Jeff and all of your families. You have been and will continue to be in our prayers. May the Holy Spirit bring you all comfort and peace. Your Mom (and Nana) was a wonderful teacher (mine in junior high), and a very community minded person. A pillar of the community. Both she and your Dad (Frank). They will never be forgotten. God Bless you all. Love and prayers, Lori and Jim

Lori MacDonald - February 12, 2017 at 05:09 PM