

The Rev. Lawrence F. Clough

October 22, 1933 - April 20, 2015

LEMINGTON – The Rev. Lawrence F. Clough, 81, of Lemington, Vt., passed away at the Coös County Nursing Hospital in West Stewartstown on Monday morning, April 20, 2015, after a long period of declining health.

Larry was born on Oct. 22, 1933, in Woodsville, NH, a son to the late Frederick and Eva (Wells) Clough. He was the youngest of their five children. He was raised on a farm in Center Haverhill and graduated from Haverhill Academy in 1951. Larry then served for four years as an electronics technician in the U.S. Navy during the Korean conflict.

After his military service, Larry attended Keene State College and graduated with a teaching degree in 1964. He was a math teacher for the Stratford Public Schools for 30 years, serving as assistant principal for many of them. Larry was a baseball and softball coach at various times and he also taught hunter safety education. After his teaching career, Larry served as a deputy game warden for a few years and he also worked for U.S. Customs & Immigration at the border on a part-time basis for 20 years. He also served as a selectman for the Town of Lemington for 25 years. He was employed for a period of time by Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home, as well, where he continued to be of service to his friends and neighbors.

Larry's faith was an important part of his life, and it led him into the ministry. He preached in Errol for 14 years and in North Stratford for many years, as well. Larry was the first licensed lay minister in NH to become ordained, which he did in 2006. One of the highlights of his life was a trip to the Holy Land after his ordination to see first-hand the places about which he had been preaching for so many years. He was a member of the Monadnock Congregational Church and served as its moderator for 24 years, as well as on various other boards and committees.

His other interests and hobbies included membership in the Masonic order, in which Larry was a 54-year member of Evening Star Lodge #37, F. & A.M. in Colebrook, being acknowledged there as an honorary Past Master. He was also a past Grand Chaplain of

the Grand Lodge of NH. He also maintained an affiliation with Winooski Lodge #49 in Waterbury, Vt. Larry also was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Eureka Chapter #2 in Colebrook and Mt. Eustis Chapter #37 in Littleton, and he was a past Grand Chaplain of the Grand Chapter of NH.

He leaves behind his wife of more than 51 years, Sharon (Banner) Clough of Lemington; a daughter, Lauren Clough of Turner's Falls, Mass., and a son, Timothy Clough of Greenfield, Mass; a sister, Helen McQuesten of Montpelier, Vt.; as well as many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by two brothers, Roland and Harold Clough, and by a sister, Thelma Willey.

Memorial calling hours will be on Friday, April 24, 2015, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home in Colebrook. Prior to that, at 5:30, a Masonic funeral service and Order of the Eastern Star service will be held at the funeral home. A memorial service with military honors will be held on Saturday, April 25, at 11 a.m. at the Monadnock Congregational Church in Colebrook, with The Rev. Rebecca Larson officiating. Interment will be private at the Center Haverhill Cemetery in Haverhill, NH.

Expressions of sympathy in memory of Rev. Clough may be made to the Monadnock Congregational Church for the purpose of the "elevator fund," at 24 Parsons St., Colebrook, NH 03576.

Condolences may be offered to the family on-line by going to <http://www.jenkinsnewman.com>.

Funeral arrangements in NH are under the direction of Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home in Colebrook.

Events

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

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Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home

103 Main Street, Colebrook, NH, US, 03576

APR **Service** 11:00AM

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Monadnock Congregational Church

Main Street, Colebrook, NH, US

Comments



“ Dear Aunt Sharon:
I was sorry to hear that Uncle Lawrence passed away. My best wishes to you and Lauren and Tim. May your heart be filled with many fond memories.
Valerie Sawyer

Valerie Sawyer - May 02, 2015 at 02:02 PM



“ Sharon, Lauren and Tim:

I just wanted to let you know how sorry I was to hear about your loss. I always enjoyed Larry's smile and sense of humor (even if it was a little odd at times!). I'm sure you will all miss him--so will the entire community.

Patti Dugan-Henriksen

Patti Dugan-Henriksen - April 26, 2015 at 07:30 PM



“ Sharon and Family, we are very sad to hear of Larry' passing. He was a Gentleman of the finest kind, a real caring person. He was always very sociable and a joy to listen to. We will keep him in our prayers. Joeng and Mike Divney

Joeng and Mike Divney - April 25, 2015 at 12:55 PM



“ My deepest condolences to you Aunt Sharon, and to Lauren and Tim as well. Uncle Lawrence was a warm, gentle soul who touched many lives.

Carol Thurston - April 24, 2015 at 07:58 PM



“ My deepest sympathies to you Sharon and family. Larry was a wonderful person.
Thinking of you, Tricia E. Ellingwood

Tricia E. Ellingwood - April 24, 2015 at 07:29 PM



“ Tricia E. Ellingwood lit a candle in memory of The Rev. Lawrence F. Clough



Tricia E. Ellingwood - April 24, 2015 at 07:26 PM



“ I have & always will be very grateful for his kindness & friendship connected at the Errol Congregational Church. I will treasure the many times I had done readings in Errol & at The Christmas service at The Little Pink Church in Magalloway Me.
Claudette Paulin Eames

Claudette Paulin Eames - April 24, 2015 at 06:48 PM



“ I met Larry through Eastern Star. What a fabulous gentleman he is and was. I am so blessed to have had Larry offer to do my father, Ralph Way's graveside service years ago. He knew my Dad through Masons and Eastern Star. My dad was no angel and my family and I will always remember Larry's gentle way of making my dad shine in our eyes and memories. Prayers and thoughts go out to his family. He will be missed.

In Star Love, Carrie Way, PM, Mt. Eustis Chapter #37, Littleton



Carrie Way - April 24, 2015 at 10:55 AM



“ I first met Larry in 1992 when I began my career with the US Customs Service. Larry worked for both US Customs and US Immigration Service. He was my teacher and helped me immensely in my cross designation training as an INS Inspector. I considered him as both one of my mentors and a very special friend. I will never forget all the Sunday mornings when he had completed a midnight tour of duty, and I would report for duty as his relief. While changing from his uniform to his preaching garb, he would run through the sermon that he would give his flock later that morning. I was his “sounding board”. I can honestly say that no one ever considered him full of “Fire and Brimstone”, but he always put his heart and soul into all his endeavors. Larry was one of my heroes and he will be greatly missed.
Rob Hawes

Rob Hawes - April 24, 2015 at 10:33 AM



“ With sincere condolences, Myra Ellingwood, Lemington

Myra Ellingwood - April 24, 2015 at 09:56 AM



“ Mr. Clough was one of the most respected teachers that I know. I have never heard anyone say anything negative about him. He is always spoken about with such admiration. He was not only a teacher, but a friend and mentor to so many. Mr. Clough taught both of my parents in school and then all of their children. I was fortunate that my children got to know and respect him, as well, when he became the minister at our church. He was able to continue telling his stories through his sermons, which were always interesting to listen to. I have such fond memories of him as a teacher, a softball coach and a minister. I have never met anyone like him, he was definitely one-of-a-kind and will be sadly missed. Rest in peach, Mr. Clough! I will never forget you!!!
Lana (Chapple) Lesperance



Lana Lesperance - April 23, 2015 at 09:07 AM



“ I had the privilege and honor of knowing Larry all of my life through our shared church life at the Monadnock Congregational Church. I served as church clerk alongside Larry during his 24 years as our moderator, attending many of the same meetings. I also served with him on Pastoral Search Committees for our church. I will always remember his Yankee wisdom and philosophy on governing. One, if it ain't broke, don't fix it. Two, the smallest committee is the best committee even if it is one person. Larry was "green" long before it was the thing too. He recycled envelopes from the waste basket to keep his notes on. No IPAD for Larry. Someone else has mentioned his poetry. It jogged my memory to the year that he presented me with a church mouse award. It was a handcarved wooden mouse made by Bunny Bunnell and a poem Larry wrote. The best I can close with is "Well done good and faithful servant" God Bless you Larry. Until we meet again in our eternal home.

Brent Lyons - April 22, 2015 at 02:02 PM



“ Our deepest sympathies to you, Sharon, and your family. Larry was a beloved colleague, always faithful and encouraging to all. He has been and will be greatly missed.

Rev. Alta Chase

Rev. Dr. Alta Chase - April 22, 2015 at 11:04 AM



“ I have many fond memories of Mr. Clough at S.H.S. There are those individuals who come into our lives who encourage us to do something great or accomplish more than we ever thought we could - Mr. Clough was one of those individuals. A great teacher and mentor who will be sorely missed.

Brenda Curley Hayes

Brenda Hayes - April 22, 2015 at 09:59 AM



“ Through Eastern Star it was a pleasure to get to know this special man. Our thoughts and prayers are with you Sharon also Lauren and Tim.

Ann & Art Allison - April 22, 2015 at 09:22 AM



“ I met Larry through Eastern Star and was extremely lucky to have him serve with me my first time in the East as my Worthy Patron. I will cherish that time with him. I will remember him most from listening to his beautiful lectures given in the West and the East. No one has done them nor will ever do them with the same love and emotion that he did. I received several of his "cartoon" drawings that I still have and still chuckle over them when I come across them. He was a very talented, loving and caring man. I will miss you Larry, but I know you are now at peace. My thoughts and prayers are with Sharon and family.

Laurie Thompson

Laurie Thompson - April 21, 2015 at 06:09 PM



“ Mr. Clough was my math teacher but he was also my friend. When I was thinking about going into the Marine Corps he encouraged me. I have never forgotten him. He gave me some great advise and for that I'm eternally grateful.

Jason Blay - April 21, 2015 at 03:14 PM



“ Lots of fond memories of my math teacher, from preparing me very well for my college math classes to showing simple pitching techniques that helped my pitching. Rest in Peace, Mr. Cough.

Tom Allin - April 21, 2015 at 10:37 AM



“ RIP Mr. Clough you will be missed by many people! Our Deepest Sympathy to his Family and his Loved Ones.....

From the Lanctot Family

Rosemarie Lanctot Prince - April 21, 2015 at 10:27 AM



“ Larry was an important part of my time in Colebrook. He so generously shared his faith with so many. His was a faith that was alive and strong. I'll never forget a homily he shared at a Christmas service at the Bloomfield,, VT Church. In it he told about the humanness of Jesus. He talked of how Mary kissed the ten tiny toes of her baby. What a beautiful person. He is free now to meet his Saviour face to face and he himself will see Jesus in all his glory. My love to Sharon and family. Priscilla Hull

Priscilla Hull - April 21, 2015 at 09:29 AM



“ Mr. Clough was an incredible teacher. He was such an incredible man. I was so happy to learn he was an ordained minister when I was planning my wedding 18 years ago. I was so proud to have a man I respected and admired officiate my wedding. I will forever be grateful Mr. Clough was a part of my education and a part of my wedding ceremony. An incredible man, a legend for sure.

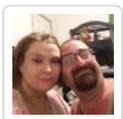
Wendy Covill - April 21, 2015 at 07:46 AM



“ Mr. Clough was a wonderful teacher, he was patient, kind, and cared about his students. I rememeber in the 8th grade they split our class in half between two different math teachers, and i was fortunate enough to have Mr.Clough. He taught us to use our brains to do math and not rely on a calculator, as a parent i have shared that same lesson with my children. My deepest condolences to his loved ones. Although he is gone, he is not forgotten, and the lessons he taught and shared with so many live on through their sharing.



Debbie (Mackenzie) Martin - April 21, 2015 at 05:07 AM



“ Sorry for your families loss , he was a great person.

Robin Perham - April 21, 2015 at 12:14 AM



“ Our deepest condolences to the Clough family on your loss.

Haven & Peggy Haynes - April 20, 2015 at 11:34 PM



“ Sacred Garden Spray was purchased for the family of The Rev. Lawrence F. Clough.



April 20, 2015 at 11:14 PM



“ Mr. Clough was an amazing man and teacher. He always had a smile on his face and a hug if you needed it! He told the most amazing stories...the one about the baseball game that went on and on and continued after dark, but fortunately they were near a potato field so someone picked up and threw a potato for the last out! He and Mr. Grimes were quite the tag team...they were positive, funny, and really made school a better place to be!! He not only supported us at school but at all of our sporting events as well. Love, Chris Graham

Chris Bean - April 20, 2015 at 09:22 PM



“ Jackie Woodard lit a candle in memory of The Rev. Lawrence F. Clough



Jackie Woodard - April 20, 2015 at 08:10 PM



“ May he rest in peace!

Jackie - April 20, 2015 at 08:12 PM



“ Where to begin. Many fond memories of Larry. We both taught together in North Stratford and our paths crossed many other times. He was a wonderful treasure for the north country. Sharon, Lauren and Tim, my heart goes out to you, Patty

Patty Hart - April 20, 2015 at 07:47 PM



“ Mr. Clough was a man that will be missed by many. There wasn't many things I enjoyed about school but his class was one of them. If you couldn't learn the way he taught he'd learn to teach the way you learned....even for those of us many thought were unteachable

Chris Routhier - April 20, 2015 at 07:38 PM



“ Sharon, you have been so strong during Larry's failing health. Larry has been missed in Errol these past years because he gave so much to the Church. I know he is now at peace. Blessing to you and your children. Love, Sharon Miller

Sharon Miller - April 20, 2015 at 06:58 PM



“ My memories of Larry are many and rich, but most of all, I love the services at the Little Pink Church. Several times he asked the bell choir to participate... I loved playing in that special place. And, when Larry preached, he was able to reach all of us. Larry touched us all and whenever I hear the hymn, "Here I am, Lord" I will think of Larry.

Deborah Wells - April 20, 2015 at 06:57 PM



“ We lost someone special today. I'm sure many have fond memories of this tremendous person I was fortunate to know and love. During those difficult years growing up, he served as a friend, mentor, coach and was like another father to me. He was always there to put things in perspective and make fun of me a little. He was always on my Team. Even if that meant telling me I was wrong. Cheering for me when I succeeded and pushing me to do better. He was a treasure and will be greatly missed. With deepest sympathy to his family and all of us who loved him,
Nikki (Phillips) Nelson

Nicole Nelson - April 20, 2015 at 06:51 PM



“ What a great teacher .. so many fond memories throughout my high school years. It always seemed to become a game trying to get him off subject to avoid math. Yesterday, today, tomorrow, every day you will be missed by so many of us ... rest in peace Mr. Clough.

Pru Stinson - April 20, 2015 at 06:43 PM



“ A man who touched many lives, including my family's. Peace to you my friend.

David Colby - April 20, 2015 at 06:36 PM



“ Mr. Clough was more than a Teacher he was a great Friend, He was there for you no matter what. Any time you needed to talk to someone his door was always open or he was a phone call away. His smile on his face always left a perfect picture in my mind of what a kind person he was. He will be deeply missed by all.....

JENNI HAKEY - April 20, 2015 at 06:19 PM



“ I had mr. Clough in school for math. He loved to talk so we would try to come up with something interesting to him so he would start talking and we wouldn't get to the math! He always had a smile outside of class and it was always a pleasure to see him. My thought and prayers go out to his family and friends. R.I.P Mr. Clough

Darlene - April 20, 2015 at 05:04 PM



“ May you find comfort and strength from the Lord in this difficult time. I had him for math when I was going to school in North Stratford. He was an awesome man that I enjoyed very much while in high school. He always had a smile for everybody as we passed in the halls, always there to help when needed. Know that I am with you in your sorrow.



Patsy - April 20, 2015 at 04:53 PM