



Stephen R. Colby

April 5, 1938 - March 14, 2019

WEST STEWARTSTOWN – Stephen R. Colby, 80, of West Stewartstown, passed away early on Thursday, March 14, 2019, at his home surrounded by his loving family, after a lengthy period of declining health.

He was born in Unity, NH, on April 5, 1938, a son to the late Freeman H. and Ellen (Ramsay) Colby. He was raised on the Ramsay family farm in Lemington and was a graduate of Colebrook Academy in 1956.

After high school, Steve attended meat-cutting school in Ohio, then returned to his home to work first at the Red & White grocery store and later for LaPerle's IGA for a period of time. He continued to do private meat-cutting for local hunters, but his main career was as a welder and machinist, and he worked for 32 years at Tillotson Rubber Co. in Dixville, and later for another 10 years at the Beecher Falls Division of Ethan Allen. In his retirement, Steve was known by many for helping to deliver pizzas all over the area for First Run.

Steve's sense of community was important to him, and he served his country for 25 years in the U.S. Army Reserves, and he was also a 26-year member of the Colebrook Fire Department. He loved to be around people and his sense of humor was widely known. He had a distinctive and infectious laugh that everybody could recognize. He also was a talented singer, which not enough people knew. Many will remember being taunted by Steve as he drove by on Main Street with a smart remark coming from the P.A. system he had in his car.

He is survived by his wife, Linda (Covell) Colby of West Stewartstown; two children, Shori McKinnon and husband "Buzz" of Beecher Falls, and Shawn Colby and fiancée Cheryl Eastland of Columbia; his sister, Elaine Russell and husband Ken of Whitefield; two grandchildren, Rebecca Thibeault and Katie May Colby; as well as nieces, nephews and cousins.

He is preceded in death by a brother, Freeman Colby, and a grandson, Christopher Thibeault.

There are no public calling hours or services scheduled at this time. A celebration of Steve's life will be held at a later date, of which notice will be given.

Expressions of sympathy in memory of Steve may be made to the Two Rivers Ride for Cancer, c/o R. Mulliken, 53 Spring St., Colebrook, NH 03576.

Condolences may be offered to the family on-line by going to www.jenkinsnewman.com.

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to the care of Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home, Colebrook, NH.

Comments



“ condolences to the family, Richard Phillips, Austin Tx.

Richard phillips - March 31 at 08:20 AM



“ So sorry for your loss. I have so many fond memories of him. I will be thinking of you and your family. Dori

Dorianne Douglas - March 27 at 08:11 AM



“ RIP my friend of many many years ago when we used to ride the streets of Colebrook in you 55 ford. Wow, My condolences to the family, Rest in Peace

Frederick W Dustin



FW Dustin - March 21 at 02:05 PM



“ Linda, Shori and Shawn,
I am keeping you close in my thoughts. I remember quite a few dooryard visits and always loved Stevie's sense of humor. I know he will be greatly missed by all.
Deepest condolences.
Mary Ann (Holbrook) Proulx

Mary Proulx - March 17 at 07:24 PM



“ Sorry Shawn and family for your loss. Your Dad always initiated the most genuine conversations. His exchanges would leave you walking away with a smile from something funny he said and from knowing he cared. Thinking of you all,
Sara Gray-Mackin



Sara Gray-Mackin - March 17 at 06:40 PM



“ When Steve and I was in the five or sixth grade, he invited me to spend the night at his home to celebrate his birthday. I thanked him by slamming his hand in the car door (not intentionally). We laughed about it much later but at the time it wasn't to funny.
Al Fogg
Class of 1956

Alfred Fogg - March 17 at 08:51 AM



“ Thank you all for your comments and emails. My family and myself are grateful to hear from you.

Shawn Colby - March 16 at 03:32 PM



“ My deepest sympathies for the Colby family. He had a great personality and could definitely tell a story he will be missed

Melony - March 15 at 06:42 PM



“ We are so sorry for your loss, our thoughts and prayers are with you at this very difficult time!
Gilles & Priscilla Lambert

Gilles and Priscilla Lambert - March 15 at 03:21 PM



“ Valerie Mahnke lit a candle in memory of Stephen R. Colby



Valerie Mahnke - March 15 at 08:07 AM



“ So sorry for your loss. Steve was a friend to many including my father. You are all in my thoughts & prayers.

Tammy Thivierge - March 15 at 08:02 AM



“ Linda, Shori, Buzz, Becca, and Shawn our condolences go out to you on your loss. Steve was always happy go lucky and will be missed by many around this North Country. To get him laughing was to get everyone around laughing and his laugh would keep everyone going. Let us know if you need anything.

Haven & Peggy Haynes - March 14 at 09:56 PM



“ Linda, Shori, and Shawn, I'm sorry for your loss. He was a great man who could laugh no matter what the circumstances were. He never let me off the hook for singing him happy birthday to him in the ambulance. Its my biggest memory of him laughing so hard. RIP Colby



barbara daley - March 14 at 09:23 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy to all. He was always a joy to visit with.
Sue and Fred



“ Donna Lapierre lit a candle in memory of Stephen R. Colby



Donna Lapierre - March 14 at 06:03 PM



“ Deepest Condolences. I remember Steve from Beecher Falls Unit of Army Reserves and the Colebrook Fire Dept. back in 1973 thereabouts. Steve loved a good laugh, he had a hardy laugh. RIP Steve.



Calvin Crawford - March 14 at 05:46 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Stephen R. Colby.



March 14 at 04:00 PM



“ Rosalie King lit a candle in memory of Stephen R. Colby



Rosalie King - March 14 at 03:00 PM



“ Steve, you put up a good fight. I will miss seeing you around. We had a lot of good laughs. Hugs Shori and Buzz and to the whole family, hopefully, you will take comfort in knowing he is not suffering anymore.

Rosalie King - March 14 at 03:03 PM



“ My deepest sympathy to the Colby Family I am so sorry for your loss. RIP Steve

Joanne Mathieu - March 14 at 02:04 PM



“ My deepest condolences to the Colby family. I will miss seeing him when I go for pizza for lunch.

ginger Jannenga

Ginger Jannenga - March 14 at 01:23 PM



“ Deepest sympathy to the family. His wonderful sense of humor will be missed.

Barry & Patricia Grover - March 14 at 12:41 PM



“ My heart goes out to Steve's family! Wonderful person with a passion for life !



Janet Heath - March 14 at 12:33 PM



“ Our deepest condolences to Steve’s family. Walter and Steve had a lot of great laughs during their years in the army reserves. RIP friend

Walter & Suzelle Noyes - March 14 at 04:10 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy to Steve's family. The Chief and I have had a lot of good laugh's through the years. RIP CHIEF.

Dale & Sharon Lynch - March 14 at 05:38 PM



“ We are so sorry, Shori & family. That he is gone & that we never had the pleasure of knowing him. Jerry & Carol

Carol - March 15 at 07:48 PM