



Albert 'Josey' Bedard Jr.

May 4, 1942 - August 24, 2017

NORTH STRATFORD — Albert 'Josey' Joseph Bedard, Jr., 75, of North Stratford passed from this world unexpectedly on Thursday, Aug. 24, 2017, at the Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital in Colebrook.

Josey was born in North Stratford on May 4, 1942, a son to the late Albert 'Joe' and Marjorie (Scott) Bedard. He loved the small town he grew up in, and remained there for his whole life.

Josey was a hard worker and a good provider. He was at one time employed by the Stratford Plywood Mill, then Washburn Lumber and WeLog. Before retiring, he went to work for Conn Brothers Construction in Lincoln, NH, and it was by far his favorite job—driving his dump truck for a company who appreciated and respected his work ethic, and the feeling was mutual.

He worked hard and he played hard. He was a loving and generous man, enjoyed spending as much time as he could with his wife Deb, whether they were watching NASCAR, the Red Sox, or his beloved Patriots, or just going for a ride on the back roads. As long as they were together, he was happy. His giggle was a treasure to behold. He enjoyed fishing, having beers with his friends and spending time with his grandchildren. He always looked forward to his weekly visits with his good buddy, Bones, especially if there was a ride involved.

Josey is survived by his loving wife of 36 years, Debra (Kennett) Bedard of North Stratford; his children, Keith (Tami) Bedard of Spokane, Wash., Kelly (Charles) Fanaras of NH, Ricky (Brenda) Bedard of Lunenburg, Vt., Craig Bedard of Colebrook, Dawn (Derek) Moore of Derby, Vt., Michelle Kennett of Valatie, NY, Angel Kennett of Columbia, and Adam (Nikki) Bedard of Bloomfield, Vt.; two sisters who he loved so very much, Joanne 'Corky' Bedard of Pennsylvania, and Jeannie (Henry) Champagne of Laconia, NH; 18 grandchildren; his mother-in-law, Betty Stanton of North Stratford; his "Ma #2", Myra Sweatt of Columbia, his dear friend Esther Scott of Bloomfield; and his constant canine

companion, Thunda; as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins and countless friends.

He is preceded in death by a precious infant granddaughter, Jessica, and four of his very best friends in life, Paul Sargent, Gerald Blondeau, Peter Dowse, and Rainey Allen.

At his specific request, there will be no public calling hours. A celebration of his life will be held at a later date at the convenience of the family.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent to Debra Bedard, P.O. Box 153, North Stratford, NH 03590.

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

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Deb, Angel and Family, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Words can not describe the sadness I feel for you all. My thoughts an prayers are with you.*
Denise Weston



Denise Weston - August 31, 2017 at 07:42 PM

LB

“ *So sorry for your loss, he will be sadly missed.*
Mr & Mrs Larry Boudle



Larry Boudle - August 30, 2017 at 09:57 AM



“ *Sue Fuller lit a candle in memory of Albert 'Josey' Bedard Jr.*



Sue Fuller - August 29, 2017 at 05:17 PM



“ *Together again* ❤️



Michelle Kennett-Leavenworth - August 29, 2017 at 01:20 PM

DB

“ *Angel and all of your family, I am so very sorry for your loss. May he rest in peace in heaven and maybe my husband and your dad will meet each other. Sincere sympathy to all of your family Deb Bonenfant*



Debbie Bonenfant - August 29, 2017 at 09:19 AM



“ *Josey was my step-uncle by way of my father Henry Champagne's marriage to Jean Riff. He was the kind of uncle I wished were a "real" uncle. My love and condolences to Aunt Deb and the family.* ”



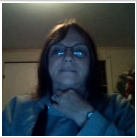
Peggi Cook - August 28, 2017 at 05:36 PM

SH

“ *There are too many to choose from. Just know that he will never be forgotten by our family. All my sympathy to the Bedard family. Adam, you will always have a special place in my heart.* ”



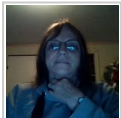
Sherry - August 28, 2017 at 05:29 PM



“ *Brenda Gadwah lit a candle in memory of Albert 'Josey' Bedard Jr.* ”



Brenda Gadwah - August 28, 2017 at 03:04 PM



This is for you and Deb and family, am thinking of you and sending prayers comfort to you all.

Brenda Gadwah - August 28, 2017 at 03:07 PM

JC

“ *Jim & Suzanne Chartier lit a candle in memory of Albert 'Josey' Bedard Jr.* ”



jim & Suzanne Chartier - August 28, 2017 at 02:41 PM

JC

“ Thinking of you at this tough time, Debbie.



Jan Corliss - August 28, 2017 at 11:15 AM