



## Ann M. Woodard

May 10, 1935 - March 23, 2019

COLEBROOK – Ann M. Woodard, 83, of Colebrook, passed away on Saturday evening, March 23, 2019, at the Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital.

Born in Concord, NH, on May 10, 1935, Ann was the daughter of the late Bernard and Pauline (Swain) Merrill.

Ann grew up on a small farm in New Hampton, and attended a one-room school on Old Bristol Road. She then attended high school in Bristol where she graduated in 1952. The next fall she started at Plymouth Teacher's College. While at college she became friends with a group of girls who she remained close to until her passing. After graduation in 1956 with a Bachelor's in Education she went to work in Franklin, NH. Her college friend, Phyllis, brought her to Colebrook for a visit where she met Russell, the man she would marry. The summer after her first year of teaching, she and three college friends made a memorable cross-country road trip.

In November of 1958 she married Russell Woodard and they moved to the coastal area of New Hampshire. They began to raise their family there until 1969 when they moved to Colebrook. Ann taught at Colebrook Elementary School until she retired in 1995. Even after retirement, her love for teaching kept her busy as a substitute and volunteering in the school system until she was forced to stop because of ailing health.

Ann, with Russell, raised their two children while being very active in the community. The many things she was involved with included the Monadnock Congregational Church, where she was a Sunday School teacher and served on many different boards, and the Mohawk Grange serving in many offices and as secretary for 25 years until she was unable to continue due to her health. She was very influential in the "Got Lunch" program, held offices in the Metallak Retired Teachers, and kept the Ecumenical Vacation Bible School going for many years, as well as being the treasurer. She was a supervisor of the checklist for Colebrook for 10 years, and she worked with the children in the 4-H program which she enjoyed because it reminded her of her youth. Ann and Russell enjoyed square dancing, both while living in Hampton and in Colebrook.

She loved to travel and took many trips including, a second cross-country trip with her family to visit her sister, Mary, and family in California. She and Russell had the chance to travel to Germany to visit her brother-in-law, Wendell, also. Other trips they went on were to Niagara Falls, and many different camping trips around New England and the surrounding areas. She loved spending time using their camper in the summer at different campgrounds around the region. Along with traveling and camping, she loved just being in the outdoors, gardening, hiking, canoeing, going on picnics, and bird watching. She always had bird feeders outside her kitchen window and would keep track of the returning birds each year.

The only thing that outweighed her love for the outdoors was the love she had for her family and friends. Her children, grandchildren, and great granddaughter meant the world to her. She would go out of her way, even if she wasn't really feeling up to it, just to support any one of them. She touched many lives in the area, will be dearly missed and will always be remembered as Mrs. Woodard to many.

Ann leaves behind her beloved husband of more than 60 years, Russell Woodard of Colebrook; a son, David Woodard and wife Sandy of Colebrook; a daughter, MaryAnn Neary and husband Will of Colebrook; four grandchildren, Amanda Bogue and husband Bradley, Bradley Woodard, Dean Woodard-Neary, and Scott Neary and his girlfriend, Renee; one great-granddaughter, Paisley Ann Bogue; two brothers, John Merrill of Center Harbor, NH, and Clarence 'Pete' Merrill and wife Judi of Griswold, Conn., a sister, Mary Blodgett and husband Jim of Salinas, Calif.; and in-laws, Phyllis Anderson of North Andover, Mass., Gertrude Dionne of North Hampton, NH, and Wendell Woodard of Colebrook; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial calling hours will be on Fri., March 29, 2019, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home in Colebrook. A memorial service will follow the next morning at 11 a.m. at the Monadnock Congregational Church. Interment will occur later in the year at the Colebrook Village Cemetery, of which notice will be given.

Expressions of sympathy in memory of Mrs. Woodard may be made to the Metallak Retired Educators Assn., c/o M. Jolles, 206 Roaring Brook Rd., Colebrook, NH 03576; or to the Monadnock Congregational Church, P.O. Box 307, Colebrook, NH 03576.

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

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

# Cemetery Details

## Colebrook Village Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR **29**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home  
103 Main Street  
Colebrook, NH

## Service

MAR **30**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Monadnock Congregational Church  
Main Street  
Colebrook, NH

# Tribute Wall

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“ Oh MaryAnn, I am so sorry. I just now saw that you lost your Mom. My condolences to you and your entire family. I know she was a wonderful woman who lived life as Jesus asked by loving her neighbors and promoting good in the world.

Kathleen Nowak - April 06, 2019 at 11:29 AM

MS

“ Martina Stever purchased the Simply Happy Kalanchoe Plant for the family of Ann M. Woodard.



Martina Stever - March 29, 2019 at 10:35 AM

EY

“ The "PTC" class of 1956 offer sincere sympathy to Ann's family. We treasure our memories of all those fun times with her at Plymouth.

Ellie Savage Yoder - March 28, 2019 at 12:19 PM

SH

“ My deepest condolences and prayers for the family of my second grade teacher, Mrs Ann Woodard. She was a wonderful lady who impacted many and left us with a knowledge of her dedication to our lives and community. She will be remembered and missed.

Stephanie Hughes-Cross - March 27, 2019 at 06:35 PM

RD

“ My heart and prayers go out to Russell David and Maryann and all the family.

*Ann was so kind to me when I moved to Colebrook to be Pastor of the Monadnock Congregational Church in 1973. She was so active with the Sunday School and all activities at the church. She and Russell and Favid and Maryann joined our Edge of Adventure group that went on outings to the White Mountains and the Space tracking station in Upton, Maine. She was a wonderful teacher and mother. Over the years whenever I came to church it was such a pleasure to be greeted by her loving smile.*

*Love and Blessings,*

*Rev. Curt D. Fuller and Louise E. Pariseau Fuller*

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**Rev.Curt D.Fuller** - March 27, 2019 at 12:53 PM

 Valerie Mahnke

“ Deepest sympathy to the Woodard family.  
She was a wonderful lady.



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**Valerie Mahnke** - March 27, 2019 at 11:03 AM

AG

“ We were sorry to hear about your loss. I always enjoyed talking to Ann whenever I ran into her. She was a good Granger too. She will be missed by many. You are all in our prayers. May God comfort you with many happy memories.

*Lindsey and Ann Gray*

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**Ann Gray** - March 27, 2019 at 09:51 AM



“ *Great woman Great teacher! She will missed She made the difference in many Colebrook area Kids. Hugs to the family.*



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**Janet Hart** - March 27, 2019 at 08:22 AM

CA

“ *Maryanne and David-i remember when we were little and we would visit you at your house in Hampton or you would come to our house and all us kids would play and the mom's would hang out together-what fun we all had-every year I looked forward to family reunion in colebrook and all the good good and games we played-your mom was always so good at putting on the reunion and making it fun with games and great food-I will miss your mom*

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**Carol** - March 26, 2019 at 09:27 PM

CR

“ *We are so sorry for your loss! Mrs. Woodard. Another teacher who had strong principles, stood her ground with and for you, and was a genuine caring woman. A woman we should all strive to be like.*

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**Cindy Roy** - March 26, 2019 at 09:17 PM

CM

“ *My deepest sympathy for your loss, and prayers for your comfort. Reverend Celeste McQuarrie, Center Harbor Congregational Church.*

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**Celeste McQuarrie** - March 26, 2019 at 08:45 PM

DY

“ So sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. I always enjoyed visiting with her at teacher workshops. She was a wonderful lady!

Dee and Sid Young - March 26, 2019 at 07:44 PM



“ she was a lovely lady who cared for her students. She made me feel secure in a very hard time in my life and embraced me. I will be forever grateful to her Rosa Hamel

Rosa Olsen - March 26, 2019 at 06:52 PM

DM

“ Many fond memories of not only a 2nd grade teacher who fostered a feeling of security & confidence in her classroom but also the loving mom who always made me feel welcome in her home when over to play with MaryAnn. She was a wonderful lady & I feel so fortunate to have known her ❤️.

Deb Marquis - March 26, 2019 at 05:36 PM

DB

“ Debbie Boivin lit a candle in memory of Ann M. Woodard



Debbie Boivin - March 26, 2019 at 05:12 PM

AD

“ To the Woodard family,  
My sympathies to your families. I did not know Mrs. Woodard,  
although, I did notice  
the beautiful picture of her with her great-grand-daughter in the  
picture that I am seeing.  
Truly, a beautiful memory of her.  
She sounds like she was a great lady, from what I am reading.  
I grew up in Canaan, Vt., and now live in the Burlington, Vt., area.  
I knew a few teacher's from Colebrook, from the past.  
Sincerely,  
Alain Dupont

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**Alain Dupont** - March 26, 2019 at 04:06 PM

LV

“ Our heartfelt condolences to the family. She  
was a nice lady.

*Bob and Lisa Vashaw*



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**Lisa Vashas** - March 26, 2019 at 03:47 PM

TB

“ Ann was a wonderful woman. She will be greatly missed.

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**Tal & Maureen Blanchard** - March 26, 2019 at 03:23 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family  
of Ann M. Woodard.



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March 26, 2019 at 03:05 PM

CD

“ Russell, Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Deepest sympathy.

Carol & David - March 26, 2019 at 01:32 PM

GJ

“ Many thoughts and prayers for the Woodard family. Anne will always be remembered by both me and Mike ref. her being at school and also Grange.

Ginger Jannenga

Ginger Jannenga - March 26, 2019 at 12:42 PM

KS

“ David, MaryAnn and family, I am so sorry for your loss. I have many memories of her at school and at your house when I visited MaryAnn. She was a wonderful woman. My condolences, Kathy

Kathy Dobson St.Onge - March 26, 2019 at 12:05 PM



“ Paula Walling lit a candle in memory of Ann M. Woodard



Paula Walling - March 26, 2019 at 11:33 AM

DD

“ Ann was a great teacher . She also did many things for the community. Thoughts and prayers to friends and family. Ann will be greatly missed❤️

DeeDee Davis Dion - March 26, 2019 at 10:45 AM

SC

“ *Stacey Campbell lit a candle in memory of Ann M. Woodard*



**Stacey Campbell** - March 26, 2019 at 10:16 AM

SC

*Much sympathy to the Woodard family.*

**Stacey Campbell** - March 26, 2019 at 10:18 AM



*Hugs and Prayers to all of the Woodard Family*

**Paula Walling** - March 26, 2019 at 11:35 AM



Cheryl Neary

*Mr. Woodard and family, I was sorry to hear of Mrs. Woodard's passing and am keeping all of the family in my thoughts and prayers.*

**Cheryl Neary** - March 26, 2019 at 06:47 PM



*As a Past State Master for the NH State Grange, I would like to extend my deepest sympathies to the Woodard family. She was a very valuable Grange member that Mohawk Grange and those who belonged to Upper Coos Pomona Grange and Northern NH Pomona Grange will miss. Her dedication and commitment to this organization will be greatly missed. We have a saying in Grange "Well done good and faithful Servant" and Ann you deserve the very best.*

**Dick Patten** - March 27, 2019 at 05:41 PM

MG

*Russell, David, MaryAnn and family, We would like to express our deepest sympathy to your entire family. Ann was a very special lady who devoted her life to her family, church, school and community. She helped to make Colebrook a wonderful community to live. She will be missed by a great number of people. We will keep you all in our thoughts and prayers. Melanie and Mike Gray*

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**Mary Melanie Gray** - March 29, 2019 at 07:47 PM