



## Annette E. Blais

March 29, 1930 - January 18, 2019

LEMINGTON, VT — Annette Eldora Blais, 88, of Lemington, Vt., passed away on Friday morning, Jan. 18, 2019, at the Coös County Nursing Hospital in West Stewartstown, New Hampshire, after a long period of declining health.

She was born in Thetford Mines, Québec, on March 29, 1930, the oldest daughter of the late Alphonse and Alma (Dumas) Couture. She spent her first two years in Thetford Mines before her parents moved to a farm in Saint-Herménégilde, Québec. Later the family moved to Coaticook, Québec. She was a 1947 graduate of the École normale Notre-Dame du Sacré-Coeur (FCSCJ) in Sherbrooke, Québec, and was employed as a primary school teacher in the Coaticook area for four years.

Annette met her future husband Joseph while each was visiting their parents in Coaticook. After marrying at the Église de Saint-Edmond in Coaticook, July 7, 1951, the couple settled in Colebrook, NH, for five years, then built a house in Lemington, Vt. In 1956,

Annette became a naturalized United States citizen. After raising her family, Annette held several volunteer and part-time jobs before taking a long-term job, for a few days a week, at Scott's Hardware in Colebrook.

As a homemaker, Annette was a quintessential child of the Great Depression – caring for a vegetable garden, canning fruits and vegetables, creating new

clothes out of old clothes, and judiciously conserving resources while raising a large family with her husband Joe. She enjoyed near weekly visits with her parents, his parents, their many siblings, numerous cousins, and dozens of nieces and nephews – nearly all of whom lived less than two hours away. She loved the many flowers she planted around her home. Later in life, nothing gave her greater pleasure than to see her grandchildren. She was active in the Catholic Church. Together with her husband, she ran errands and provided support for those who were older and in need.

She leaves behind three children, Donald Blais of Austin, Texas, Diane West of Williston, Vermont, and Patrick Blais and husband Warren Adams of Washington, D.C.; four grandchildren, Amanda West and partner Rupak Chakraborty of Brookline, Massachusetts, Natalie West and partner Ryan Blair, and Brendan West and partner Monica Keithcart of Williston, Vermont and Gideon Smith-Adams of Washington, D.C.; four sisters, Jeannette Vanasse, of Barton, Vermont, Jeannine Jolin, Liliane Lanciaux and husband Martial, Ida Couture and partner Marcel Poulin, and one brother, Réal Couture, all of Coaticook.

She is preceded in death by her husband of 65 years, Joseph (June 8, 2016), and two sons, Norman (1969) and Raymond (1966). She is also preceded in death by two brothers-in-law, Gilles Vanasse and Lucien Jolin.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday, June 8, 2019, at 11 a.m. at St. Brendan Catholic Church in Colebrook, followed by a graveside interment at St. Brendan's Cemetery.

Expressions of sympathy in memory of Mrs. Blais may be made to the Catholic Women's Club of St. Brendan's, c/o 55 Pleasant Street, 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 Details

## **St. Brendan's Catholic Cemetery**

South Main Street  
Colebrook, NH

# Tribute Wall



“ 2 files added to the album *Through the years*



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**Patrick Blais** - July 15, 2019 at 06:32 PM

AB

“ *Uncle Joe and Aunt Annette were simply the best of people, My family always looked forward to visiting them whenever we ventured up state, We learned a lot about our heritage and lost family members from the photos that Aunt Annette kept in her photo box. Without her, much of our ancestors history which included my father , Hervey, I still remember fondly when we were escorted to the old homestead farm where Uncle Joe and his brothers and sister were born and raised. The building were long gone but the foundations remained. I so very much appreciated that.. Thank you ma Tante..We love you. Andre et Marcia Blais*

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**andre blais** - January 30, 2019 at 06:26 PM

ER

“ *My family always thought very highly of Joe and Annette - such good people! My Dad and Joe both worked for Willard Nugent and I went to school with Norman. I visited your Mom at CCNH last summer and as always she was warm and welcoming. My sincere condolences on your loss - she will be remembered fondly. E. H. Roy*

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**E. H. Roy** - January 26, 2019 at 08:32 AM

LM

“ Your Mom was a special Lady. After my Dad passed your Mom & Dad helped my Mom get through this difficult time. They were the best of neighbors. My thoughts and prayers go out to you. Linda (Lay) Masewic

Linda Masewic - January 25, 2019 at 04:46 PM

JE

“ My sympathy goes out to you and yours, Patrick. Reading you mother's obituary reflects she had a long and very full life!

Again, My Condolences,

Jacob

Jacob Eberhardt - January 23, 2019 at 09:45 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Annette E. Blais.



January 23, 2019 at 07:05 PM

RH

“ Roxanne Haynes lit a candle in memory of Annette E. Blais.



Roxanne Haynes - January 21, 2019 at 03:17 PM

GL

“ So sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this very difficult time.  
She was such a nice lady,  
Gilles and Priscilla Lambert

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**Gilles & Priscilla Lambert** - January 21, 2019 at 12:43 PM



“ It was a privilege getting to know and care for Annette, she was a wonderful kind lady with a terrific family.

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**Heidi McComiskey** - January 20, 2019 at 01:33 PM

JC

“ Jackie Cowing lit a candle in memory of Annette E. Blais



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**Jackie cowing** - January 19, 2019 at 10:07 AM

FR

“ Our condolences to all the family, we will miss her. "From Francine & Andre Champagne"



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**Francine** - January 18, 2019 at 07:01 PM

HH

“ Pat our condolences go out to your family on your loss.

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**Haven & Peggy Haynes** - January 18, 2019 at 05:07 PM



“ *Diane West lit a candle in memory of Annette E. Blais*



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**Diane West** - January 18, 2019 at 03:36 PM



“ *I got to know Annette while I worked at the nursing home. She was such a kind, considerate person. I always enjoyed talking to her. She will be missed.*

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**Micheline Brooks** - January 18, 2019 at 02:48 PM



*our heartfelt condolences to the family of Annette Blais. I have know Annette for most of my life. Ver y receptive person.*

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**Yogi & Ed** - January 23, 2019 at 06:57 PM