



Audrey J. Jackson

February 26, 1921 - November 3, 2011

CANAAN, VT — Mrs. Audrey J. Jackson, 90, passed away peacefully on Thursday afternoon, November 3, 2011, at the Coös County Nursing Hospital in West Stewartstown, with members of her family by her side, and after a long period of declining health.

She was born in Moes River, Québec, on February 26, 1921, a daughter to the late James and Pearl (Martin) Gemmell. Audrey grew up in Moes River and later moved to Coaticook where she attended high school. She later taught English in the one-room schoolhouse in Moes River.

Audrey married Elmont Jackson in the fall of 1941, just prior to his deployment overseas during World War II. After the war and before starting a family, Audrey was the “camp cook” at Elmont’s logging camp in East Branch. After the war, they made their home on Gale Street in Canaan, Vt., where they raised their 6 daughters—“the Jackson girls.” In 1958 they purchased Marshall’s Camps on Lake Wallace and later named it Jackson’s Lodge, to “keep the girls busy and out of trouble.” An accomplished business woman, Audrey operated the resort, in addition to keeping the books for Elmont’s logging business, until she retired in 1986.

Audrey was a member of Grace United Methodist Church, the Lake Wallace Association and a lifetime member of the American Legion Auxiliary. A true

outdoors woman, she enjoyed hunting, fishing, and was an avid naturalist who instilled a love and appreciation of nature and the outdoors in all her daughters. She was an excellent cook and talented baker, famous for her homemade bread and mashed potato donuts. She loved animals, and the home was always filled with pets. She also enjoyed reading, knitting, crossword and jigsaw puzzles, and bingo.

Most importantly, Audrey loved her family. She leaves behind a legacy of six daughters, Bonnie Crawford and husband Vernon of Canaan, Vt., Connie Jackson and husband Rob Roy of Colebrook; Donna Lemay and husband Serge of Canaan, Francine Bigney and husband Marc of Colebrook; Gloria Jackson of Canaan, and Hylie Marquis and husband Mario of Canaan; two sisters, Gladys Keir of Huntington, Vt., and Elsie Locke and husband Robert of Caribou, Me.; a sister-in-law, Ina Sargeant of Ottawa, Ont.; eight grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; five nephews and four nieces.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Elmont, in 2001; a sister-in-law, Lola Jackson; as well as her long-time friend and employee, Emma Cote.

There will be no public calling hours. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, November 11, 2011, at the Grace United Methodist Church in Canaan, Vt., with The Reverend Rick Boyden officiating. Interment will follow at the Alice Hunt Cemetery in Canaan.

Expressions of sympathy in memory of Mrs. Jackson may be made to the Grace United Methodist Church, c/o Rev. Rick Boyden, P.O. Box 247, Canaan, VT 05903.

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



“ To my dear friend Hylie, and her family, I offer my sincere and deepest sympathies. To this day, some of my fondest childhood memories involve time spent with you and your family at the Lodge or at Averill. I developed much of my love for the outdoors, hunting, and fishing by spending time with you and your dad. Your mom was always there to keep us in line and that really was a tough task. I love you and am very sorry for your loss.
Always,
Kathy###imported-begin##Kathy Hockman###imported-end##

December 12, 2011 at 10:39 PM



“ we remember the times at bessies diner when your mom used to greet us and always asked us how the trout were biting and how many we had caught. she was a wonderful woman that we both enjoyed talking to. we are so sorry for your loss.

ERIC AND ED HAUSCHILD###imported-begin##ERIC AND ED HAUSCHILD###imported-end##

November 17, 2011 at 10:45 AM



“ *The Lanctot Family want to give our heart felt condolences to all of the Jackson ladies. Our grandmother Emma Cote loved Audrey like her sister, and loved her children like her own. I know there was a lot of love and respect for each other. Audrey was one of the nicest people I have ever known. Sorry I could not make it up, but you know my family has to give many thanks for all the nice things Audrey, and you ladies had done for my grandmother.*

Roger P. Lanctot##imported-begin##*Roger P. Lanctot*##imported-end##

November 15, 2011 at 05:32 AM



“ *We were sorry to learn of your mother's death. She was an integral part of the town of Canaan and will be missed.*##imported-begin##*Pat and Les Klinefelter*##imported-end##

November 12, 2011 at 04:48 PM



“ *Audrey was a special person and will be missed. I haven't seen her for over 20 years but the woman I remember was very kind and gentle. She always treated me with more respect than I deserved and I loved her. I will be very happy to see her again in the next life. Condolences to the family and friends she left here.*

In Christ, Brent.##imported-begin##*Brent Bagley*##imported-end##

November 10, 2011 at 07:22 PM



“ *Our Condolences to all the family.*##imported-begin##*Francine & Andre Champagne*##imported-end##

November 10, 2011 at 06:48 PM



“ Please accept our deepest sympathies, we are thinking of you.##imported-begin##David & Suzanne Cook##imported-end##

November 09, 2011 at 08:34 PM



“ In July of 2005 I was able to sit down with Audrey for a few hours while vacationing away from my home in Seattle. We looked through a stack of about 300 photos that I had printed from film negatives taken by Audrey's mother, Pearl Gemmell, in the 1930's and 1940's.

Among the hundreds of photos were several photos of a young Audrey with her two sisters, Gladys and Elsie.

I learned a great deal about my Grandmother (Nana) that day. She told me the names of all the different people in the photos. Sometimes telling me the names of their parents and siblings as well. She was able to recall the names of all the pets; dogs and horses & a woodchuck named Tarzan.

I learned where almost all of the photos were taken. And I learned quite a bit about the people and lifestyles that were a part of Audrey's surroundings while she was a young lady growing up in the North Country.

I had a wonderful time talking with her and hearing all her stories that day. And I think she had a good time revisiting the past through those old photos her mother had taken so long ago.

We will miss you Nana. You are forever in our hearts.

- Cory Bagley##imported-begin##Cory Bagley##imported-end##

November 09, 2011 at 10:25 AM



“ Fran, and all the sisters... when I first learned that your Mom had died, I sighed and thought, there is the end of an era. But, as I thought of you, I realized that it is not the end of an era, as you and all your sisters carry on traditions and work ethics that parents instilled in you. Having family close will help you through this time. I've seen many of you together at various times, and it is obvious that you love each other and have a real appreciation for family. I'll be thinking of you and wishing your mother well on this next journey.
Pam###imported-begin##Pam Frizzell###imported-end##

November 08, 2011 at 07:10 PM



“ With deepest sympathy on the loss of your mother. She will always be fondly remembered by us.
Dick & Joni###imported-begin##Richard and Joni Hicks###imported-end##

November 08, 2011 at 07:41 AM



“ It is with great sadness that we heard of your loss. Our love and prayers go out to the entire family. May her legacy live on through her loving family.###imported-begin##Fritz and Nancy Bigney###imported-end##

November 07, 2011 at 06:37 PM



“ Saddened to learn of Audreys passing. Thinking of all of you.###imported-begin##Calvin Crawford###imported-end##

November 07, 2011 at 05:15 PM



“ 1941, Dad and Mom were the Best Man and Maid of Honor for Elmont & Audrey. My parents spoke very highly of them with a warm spot in their hearts. The Angels have led Audrey into Paradise and may she have rest everlasting peace.

Paul Cotter

Poinciana, Florida##imported-begin##Paul Cotter##imported-end##

November 07, 2011 at 11:27 AM



“ My thoughts go back to childhood and summers at the lake; though over 50 years ago, it seems like yesterday...

I pray the Lord comforts and helps you through this time of sadness. My thoughts are with you.

Ken Valentino##imported-begin##Kenneth A. Valentino##imported-end##

November 07, 2011 at 09:14 AM



“ It's not easy being a high-school kid in a new town thousands of miles from home; especially in a small town like Canaan. You treated me like family. You treated me like your grandson. I will always love you for that kindness. May peace find you eternal.##imported-begin##Seth Trachtenberg##imported-end##

November 06, 2011 at 01:24 PM



“ *My sincere condolences to the family. She was a great lady and she will be missed a lot.##imported-begin##Denise Carrier##imported-end##*

November 05, 2011 at 08:22 PM



“ *My heartfelt condolences to all of Audrey's family. May she rest in peace; cradled in love which exists unbounded by life and death.*

Audrey was a fine women; among the best. She possessed a fine intellect,a lively wit and remarkable strength of character.

Audrey welcomed me into your lives both at home and at the Lodge. Time spent with the Jacksons makes up a large part of the fabric of my life. Memories of those times rank high among my happiest memories. I am grateful to Audrey for her generosity and countless kindnesses to me.

Since receiving the news of her passing, I am visited by memories of Audrey whistling - as only she could do - so beautifully and clearly as she went about her work at the Lodge.

May her memory continue to enrich your lives as it will mine.

Krista##imported-begin##Krista Bunnell Perry ##imported-end##

November 05, 2011 at 12:28 PM



“ Fran, Hylie and family,

Mothers are very special people and we know how dear your mother was to you all. She raised wonderful children who we are fortunate to count among our good friends. We are thinking of you during this time.##imported-begin##Charlie, Donna and Tommy Jordan##imported-end##

November 05, 2011 at 11:21 AM



“ Sorry to hear Audrey passed away. We have lots of good memories of your Mom (and Dad). She will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Don and Anne Marie##imported-begin##Don Crawford##imported-end##

November 05, 2011 at 09:39 AM



“ Many memories with the Jackson family. One that comes to mind is when Fran and I were out in a snow storm selling "Carnival Buttons". As soon as we got in Audrey made us some wonderful tea and honey! She was always so good to all of us.##imported-begin##Ginette##imported-end##

November 04, 2011 at 04:39 PM



“ Fran
So sorry to hear about your loss of your mom. My thoughts are with you##imported-begin##Debbie Boivin##imported-end##

November 04, 2011 at 04:26 PM



“ *Fran and Marc - many thoughts and prayers at this time of your loss.##imported-begin##Ginger Jannenga##imported-end##*

November 04, 2011 at 04:11 PM



“ *A great and wonderful lady.##imported-begin##maryse hartshorn##imported-end##*

November 04, 2011 at 03:20 PM