



Barbara M. Johnston

August 26, 1925 - January 19, 2010

WEST STEWARTSTOWN, NH -- Mrs. Barbara M. Johnston, 84, of Colebrook, NH, passed away on Tuesday afternoon, January 19, 2010, at the Coos County Nursing Hospital in West Stewartstown, NH.

Mrs. Johnston was born on August 26, 1925, in Canaan, Vt., a daughter of Claude Heath and Arlene (Dwinell) Heath.

She attended school in Canaan and then began working many different jobs. Ultimately, she worked at the Beecher Falls Division of Ethan Allen, and later for the Stratford Plywood Mill until the mill closed.

Barbara loved music, and she always enjoyed singing with her mother and her sisters. She was a member of the American Legion Post #47 Auxiliary in Canaan, Vt.

Mrs. Johnston leaves behind her daughter, Dianna Purrington and husband Edwin, of Colebrook; her companion of the last 26 years, Sherman Shatney, of West Stewartstown; two grandsons, Dennis Johnson and wife Rita, of Canaan, Vt., and Ronald Johnson and companion Amy Leighton, of Colebrook; two brothers, Claude Heath of Harrison, Me., and Guy Heath of Florida; three sisters, Bertha Roberson and Claudette Whetherby of Springfield, Mass., and Claudia Dustin of Colebrook; as well as many nieces,

nephews and cousins.

Mrs. Johnston is preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Donna Belanger, and a brother, Sherwood Heath.

At the family's request, there are no calling hours or services at this time. A graveside service will be held in the spring at the family plot in the Colebrook Village Cemetery.

Expressions of sympathy in memory of Barbara may be made to the North Country Humane Society, c/o Joan Shatney, 30 Village Way, #31, Colebrook, NH 03576.

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



“ God Bless you Barb on your new venture, make em all laugh. Thanks for the memories. Jackie and Len say's thanks for the veggies.##imported-begin##Jackie Caires##imported-end##

January 30, 2010 at 09:38 AM



“ So sorry to hear of your loss, our thoughts are with you. Jackie and Lenny##imported-begin##Jackie Caires##imported-end##

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“ Dianna, Dennis, & Ronald
Our condolences on the loss of Barbara.##imported-begin##Haven & Peggy Haynes##imported-end##

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“ Dear Diana and Family:
I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your mother. I used to love to visit with her when we met on the street and we always enjoyed a good laugh.

Please accept my sincere sympathies.

Don##imported-begin##Donald Vashaw##imported-end##

January 22, 2010 at 09:10 AM



“ I would like to offer my condolences to all of Barbara's family.

I got to know her when we lived in the same apartment building in Tilton when Richard and I were first married. She kind of looked out for us and even babysat for our baby daughter.

She was a wonderful lady and I will always remember the sound of her laughter. She loved a good joke and shared a few with us.

May she rest in peace.

Sincerely,

Richard and Sandy Hall###imported-begin##Sandy Hall###imported-end##

January 20, 2010 at 01:17 PM