



Bernice R. Fish

November 22, 1915 - April 19, 2016

PITTSBURG – Bernice R. Fish, 100, of Pittsburg, passed away at the Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital early on Tuesday morning, April 19, 2016, after a long life and a more recent period of failing health.

Bernice was born on the family farm on Indian Stream Road in Pittsburg on Nov. 22, 1915, a daughter of the late Perley R. and Lizzie (Johnson) Schoff. She was raised in Indian Stream and was always proud of being a direct descendent of the founders of the Indian Stream Republic. Bernice graduated from Pittsburg High School in 1932.

In her 100 years of life, Bernice was always active and never idle. As a youngster, she worked waitressing in the many of Pittsburg's tourist camps. She was the telephone operator for Pittsburg for many years before direct dial became the norm, and she also worked for a time at Tillotson Rubber Co. in Dixville. In her later years, she became a licensed nurses' assistant, and she also volunteered for many years on the Pittsburg Ambulance Corps. Bernice had a passion for learning and she was a member of the Pittsburg school board when her children were in school; she also worked as a substitute teacher, and as an adult, she also played the trombone in the school band with her children. In her 80s she again took to music and began taking piano lessons.

In her spare time, Bernice loved to knit and crochet, making many of her children's clothes when they were young. She was a life-long member of the Farnham Memorial United Methodist Church, and a member of the Aurora Grange and Pomona Grange for more than 75 years, holding every office at one time or another. At the time of her death, Bernice was the holder of Pittsburg's Boston Post Cane, designating her as the town's most senior citizen.

Bernice leaves behind her five children, Sandra Bourassa and husband Clay of Bow, NH, Rosalie Hawes and husband Bruce of Colebrook, Marshall Fish and wife Jane of Agoura Hills, Calif., Jarvis Fish and wife Carlene of Pittsburg, and Blaine Fish and wife Sherry of Loudon, NH; 10 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her husband of 60 years, Delma Hall Fish in 1998, and by all her siblings, Pearl Schoff, Lloyd R. Schoff, Porter J. Schoff, Loren W. Schoff, Josephine J. Schoff and Coleman D. Schoff.

There are no public calling hours. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, April 30, 2016, at 11 a.m. at the Farnham Memorial United Methodist Church in Pittsburg, with The Rev. Paula Fletcher officiating. And, at Bernice's specific request, casual attire is to be worn by all. A graveside committal service will be at the convenience of the family in the Indian Stream Cemetery of which notice will be given.

Expressions of sympathy in memory of Bernice may be made to the Farnham Memorial United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 306, Pittsburg, NH 03592.

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

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

Cemetery Details

Indian Stream Cemetery

Tabor Road
Pittsburg, NH

Previous Events

Service

APR 30. 11:00 AM (ET)

Farnham Memorial United Methodist Church
Main Street, US Route 3
Pittsburg, NH

Tribute Wall

CB

“ My grandchildren & I met Bernice at the one room schoolhouse she attended & later taught at? on Tabor Road in 2008. We were thrilled to meet the iconic lady of the North Country. I so wanted to reconnect with her at the 100th celebration of her life, at the Farnum Church-unfortunately, she couldn't attend. I feel privileged to have known her & had so hoped to spend some time with her now that I have retired to Pittsburg. I do want to honor her memory by carrying on some of her commitments to our town. May she rest in eternal peace.

Carol A. Bond - April 28, 2016 at 10:41 AM

PD

“ She always brought a smile to my face! She was feisty and we liked her that way!
We were neighbors most of my life. Heaven "watch out and watch over our friend
and neighbor Bernice"!

Helen & Peter Dion

Peter & Helen Dion - April 27, 2016 at 02:22 PM

BP

“ Brenda Puglisi lit a candle in memory of
Bernice R. Fish



Brenda Puglisi - April 26, 2016 at 07:46 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Bernice R. Fish.*



April 26, 2016 at 12:07 AM



“ *She was A wonderful lady. I had the pleasure to work with her at tillotson many moons ago. Rest in peace Bernice.*

Eva Guy - April 25, 2016 at 04:19 AM



“ *Eva Guy lit a candle in memory of Bernice R. Fish*



Eva Guy - April 25, 2016 at 04:16 AM



“ *Please accept our deepest sympathy. May those precious memories be foremost in your hearts and minds during this difficult time.*

Isaiah 25:8

Jackson Family - April 23, 2016 at 07:18 PM

AP

“ Our deepest sympathy to the Fish family. She was a wonderful person that impacted so many lives. Our children have never forgotten their visits with Bernice at the old school house. May your memories be cherished!❤️
The Phillips Family



Amanda Phillips - April 23, 2016 at 06:44 AM

JO

“ Our deepest sympathies to the Fish family on the passing of Bernice. She was a remarkable woman. You and your family have been truly blessed.
The O'Brien family

Joanne O'Brien - April 23, 2016 at 04:51 AM

KG

“ Thinking of you Sherry, Blaine and all your extended family. Sorry for your loss. 100 years is a great life! Share all your memories of her-❤️ Sounds like she lived life right! Love to you both.
Kathy Genier

kathy genier - April 22, 2016 at 05:02 AM

BB

We had a great time when Bernice rode in our model T, during one old home day parade. We were throwing out mardi gras beads but Bernice wanted to keep her beads for her grandkids! She was a wonderful lady and helped us adjust to living in Pittsburg 😊

bill bradley and louise bradley - April 23, 2016 at 09:34 AM

 Kimmy
Cecile

“ *Such a huge loss I sure will miss our weekly chats about knitting
....you were a good grandma love you
John and kim fish farnum*

Kimmy Cecile - April 21, 2016 at 10:07 PM

EN

“ *My thoughts and sympathy to my dear friends in the Fish family.
Love, Stella*

Ellen Nordvig - April 21, 2016 at 09:15 PM

DB

“ *Blaine and Sherry, so sorry to hear about the passing of your Mom
Blaine. Our sympathies to you and your family. Cherish all those
memories. Dana and Cindy*

Dana Brown - April 21, 2016 at 07:54 PM

JM

“ *Our very sincerest condolences to Bernice's family. I especially
knew Rosalie, Jarvis, and Marshall and spent a lot of time with the
Fish family during the summer at Back Lake. The North Country has
lost a wonderful person.
RIP Bernice.*

John and Sue Morrissey - April 21, 2016 at 11:24 AM

DO

“ R.I.P. Bernice it was always great to see with my mom at Dube's you be missed by alot R.I.P. now and my condolences to the rest of the family

Donnie Owen

Donnie Owen - April 21, 2016 at 09:51 AM



“ Bernice rode the motorcycle with me tatoo and all. But the moment i remember most of all was the time we were discussing living and dying. I said i am not afraid of dying because i'm coming back. Her quick wit took over immediately and she said (I HOPE YOUR SMARTER NEXT TIME) that was BERNICE that was MY FRIEND. RIP BERNICE

Gene Beauchemin

Gene Beauchemin - April 21, 2016 at 07:48 AM

KF

Thank you for taking her on that motorcycle ride she was still talking about it up to the day she passed
Kimberly her granddaughter

Kimberly farnum - October 17, 2023 at 10:02 AM

LP

“ Jarvis, Rosalie and the rest of your family, I was sorry to read that Bernice had died. She was a remarkable woman. I so enjoyed giving her piano lessons. I still have a eyelash plant she gave me and of course my mittens she made! We always had great visits and her sense of humor was wonderful! I am in Dartmouth recovering from surgery so I won't be able to attend services. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Lynne placey - April 21, 2016 at 07:12 AM

AG

“ I have many fond memories of Bernice. Lindsey and I remember times when she came to our sugaring off parties; times when she would "dance" with our children when she saw them at church; hearing her play the piano at Grange and share little items that she found in the newspaper when she was at Grange meetings. She was a lot of fun to be around. She taught me so much about how a Grange meeting should be run. I will remember her doing degree work, and sharing some of her Grange jewelry with me. Everyone in town will miss her greatly.

Condolences to all her children, grandchildren, and friends.

I know she's up in Heaven right now with her Lord and Savior.

Ann and Lindsey Gray

Ann Gray - April 20, 2016 at 07:34 PM

HH

“ Jarvis and family our deepest condolences go out to you on your loss. Bernice was the jewel of the North Country and she could snap you to reality at the drop of the hat. I really miss having breakfast with her in the morning. I was glad to have her attend the SAL County Farm Bingo back in February.

Haven & Peggy Haynes - April 20, 2016 at 07:19 PM

 Kathy Whippie

We miss breakfasts and Bernice. A jewel. A diamond. She was a woman who was witty and opinionated. She was a joy to all who knew her. God bless the family and all the memories we have of Bernice.

Kathy Whippie - April 21, 2016 at 08:58 AM

M(

Blaine ... Sending my sincere sympathy to you and your family for the loss of your Mom ... You were Blessed to have her in your life for such a long time.

Mrs. P. (Joanie) - April 21, 2016 at 07:47 PM

JD

Jarvis and family our deepest condolences, Bernice was a wonderful lady and we were neighbors for many years. She always had a smile on her face. She was a lovely woman and will be missed. RIP

Janice and Dee - April 22, 2016 at 08:29 AM

DL

“ It was always a pleasure seeing Bernice around town. I had the pleasure of hearing her speak about her time at the Indian Stream schoolhouse, she remembered such details. Prayers to her family.



Dianna Amey Lundberg - April 20, 2016 at 06:50 PM

MG

“ Sorry to hear of Bernice's passing. I loved seeing her make her way into the restaurant almost every morning; she was a joy to be around, both at the restaurant and at church. Prayers for comfort in this difficult time.

Melanie Gray - April 20, 2016 at 01:03 PM

WW

“ I know her jewelry was special. One Sunday she had on this absolutely beautiful filigree bracelet with lots of semi precious stones - a very delicate piece. I was admiring it and asked if she had received it from her husband. "No, I bought this at Pittsburg General Store when I was a young girl." I thought it was fabulous to think that one could buy such an outstanding piece of jewelry there.

Bernice was one "gutsy" gal. She will be missed greatly. How lucky we all are to have known her.

God Bless

Joy and Web Webster

Web and Joy Webster - April 20, 2016 at 11:31 AM

 Dee
Brown

“ Dee Brown lit a candle in memory of Bernice
R. Fish



Dee Brown - April 20, 2016 at 10:06 AM

DB

“ Sorry for your loss to the family and friends of
Bernice May she rest in peace Deb & Ray
Bonenfant



Deb Bonenfant - April 20, 2016 at 09:54 AM

LC

“ *What a great lady she was. Feisty, fun and even rode that motorcycle just a few years ago. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her. RIP*



Linda Clogston - April 20, 2016 at 09:26 AM

JM

“ *It was a pleasure and an honor to know you Mrs.Fish. RIP sweet lady ..*

Joanne Mathieu - April 20, 2016 at 09:18 AM



“ *Eva Guy lit a candle in memory of Bernice R. Fish*



Eva Guy - April 20, 2016 at 08:43 AM

TF

“ *Theresa Ferren lit a candle in memory of Bernice R. Fish*



Theresa ferren - April 20, 2016 at 06:02 AM

TF

She will be a great loss was a wonderful person rip bernice

Theresa ferren - April 20, 2016 at 06:04 AM

RP

“ *Rosalie King And David Parker sent a virtual gift in memory of Bernice R. Fish*



Rosalie King and David Parker - April 19, 2016 at 08:00 PM

RP

Thinking of you all, she was a wonderful person.

Rosalie King and David Parker - April 19, 2016 at 08:01 PM

TJ

*Our thoughts and prayers to you all. So sorry for your loss.
- The Jeralds*

Tammy Jeralds - April 20, 2016 at 04:40 AM



To the Fish family We are soo sorry for your loss. . RIP Bernice You Will be missed by all that knew you

Theresa Brooks - April 23, 2016 at 08:54 AM

JB

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you and the family. I am so very sorry for your loss.*



Judy Hunt Budge - April 19, 2016 at 06:29 PM

JT

“ *Judi Hanson/John Tomasko lit a candle in memory of Bernice R. Fish*



Judi Hanson/John Tomasko - April 19, 2016 at 02:20 PM