



Bernice M. Houle

May 21, 1927 - July 20, 2014

COLEBROOK, NH — Bernice M. Houle, 87, of Colebrook, passed away on Sunday, July 20, 2014, at the Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital in Colebrook, surrounded by her loving family, and after a long period of declining health.

She was born on May 21, 1927, in Guildhall, Vt., the daughter of the late Frederick and Elsie (Dearborn) Patnaude. She attended school in North Stratford

In addition to raising her family, Bernice was a factory and mill laborer in the area. She worked for many years at Washburn Lumber in North Stratford, and later in Colebrook at Manchester Manufacturing, Inc. She cherished time with her family, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and could frequently be found cheering them on at school sporting events. Bernice loved to fish and play Bingo, and she also enjoyed trips to go shopping.

She is survived by six daughters, Linda Hewson of Colebrook, Irene Scott of North Stratford, Lorraine Barnes of Island Pond, Vt., Patricia (Walter) Chapple of Columbia, Roberta (Tom) Purtell of Boothbay, Me., and Arlene (Conrad) Chapple of Columbia; a sister, Patricia Riley of Bloomfield; 18 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; one great-great grandchild; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

She is predeceased by her husband, Israel Houle in 1979; five brothers, William Patnaude, Roland Patnaude, Raymond Patnaude, Joseph Patnaude and Carroll Patnaude; three sisters, Pauline Bedard, Alice Smith and Dorothy Patnaude as an infant; and a grandson, William Gaudette, Jr.

Calling hours will be on Wednesday, July 23, 2014, from 2-4 & 6-8 p.m. at the Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home in Colebrook. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in North Stratford on Thursday, July 24, at 11 a.m. with The Rev. Craig Cheney as celebrant. Burial will immediately follow at the Fairview Cemetery in North Stratford.

Expressions of sympathy in memory of Mrs. Houle may be made to Alzheimer's Healthcare Services, 610 Sullivan St., Berlin, NH 03570.

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.

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery

Mill Road
North Stratford, NH

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 23. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home
103 Main Street
Colebrook, NH 03576
(603) 237-4311
info@jenkinsnewman.com

Visitation

JUL 23. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Service

JUL **24.** 11:00 AM (ET)

Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church

Main Street

North Stratford, NH

Tribute Wall



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Bernice M. Houle.*



August 09, 2014 at 12:15 PM



“ *To the family of Bernice,
I am sorry for your loss. I have many fond memories of Bernice growing up. Fishing with her (horn pouting), and her just sitting on the porch at the mill houses visiting. She was very close with my family as I was growing up. She also had a great sense of humor. She was a great woman. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

Charlene Poulin

Charlene Poulin - July 30, 2014 at 01:59 AM



“ *I was sorry to hear about your loss; I enjoyed getting to know Bernice at the nursing home and feel so blessed that she and my mom were roommates. She was so proud of her family and pointing out all of her pictures. She was so thoughtful and really looked out for my mom as did her family. I am thankful for the opportunity to get to know Bernice and am thankful for those memories.*

Muriel McCormick

Muriel McCormick - July 28, 2014 at 11:48 AM

DB

“ So sorry for the loss of your mom, she was a great woman with a heart of gold. Just remembering her riding her bike to town and her love of fishing! Keep your memories close and RIP Bernice, love Josey & Debbie Bedard

Deb& Josey Bedard - July 24, 2014 at 03:46 AM

SC

“ To Linda and all of Bernice's family: I so enjoyed visiting with Bernice on the porch at Pleasant Street, Colebrook... (when I'd stop long enough)... listening to her stories of long ago living in Stratford and the house was full of life and laughter. She was so kind to my sister, Lois. Sorry for your loss.
Stacey

Stacey Campbell - July 23, 2014 at 11:05 AM

JF

“ 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 - July 22, 2014 at 10:03 PM



“ Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bernice M. Houle.



July 22, 2014 at 02:19 PM

BB

“ Sorry for your loss Pat--- Give our sympathies to the rest of the family.

Love Keith abd Billie

Billie Brockney - July 22, 2014 at 10:38 AM

MA

“ Mary lit a candle in memory of Bernice M. Houle



mary - July 21, 2014 at 12:35 PM

MA

*bernice was a good bingo playershe will be saddley miss.mysincer
condolences go out to the family?*

mary - July 21, 2014 at 12:39 PM