



Bertha C. Lachance

August 17, 1932 - March 12, 2014

CANAAN, VT —Bertha C. Lachance, 81, passed away on Wednesday, March 13, 2014, at the Catholic Medical Center in Manchester, NH, after a long and courageous struggle with cancer.

She was born in Canaan on Aug. 17, 1932, a daughter to the late Edward and Ada (Cross) Leigh. She attended the local schools and was a 1952 graduate of Canaan High School. She married Leo Lachance in 1953.

Bertha was a hard-working woman her entire life, and she worked first at the Stratford Plywood Mill, in the housekeeping department at The Balsams, and for many years in the cabinet department at the Beecher Falls Division of Ethan Allen. She loved to knit and complete her puzzle books and jigsaw puzzles. She loved to be at home, and will be remembered by her family as a very good cook. She enjoyed her family and took care of children for others, as well.

Bertha is survived by her five children, Rita Lachance of St. Augustine, Fla., Deborah Donoho of Holiday, Fla., Bryan Lachance and partner Diane Maurais of West Stewartstown, NH, Marie Lachance of Canaan, and Sandra Lachance of Allentown, NH; six brothers, Harold and Freddy Leigh of Florida, Edwin Leigh, Jr., of Beecher Falls, Ernie Leigh of Canaan, Gerald Leigh of Lyndonville, Vt., and Chester Leigh of Idaho; a sister, Mary Phillips of Beecher

Falls; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; as well as numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

She is preceded in death by her husband of more than 32 years, Leo Lachance in 1986; three brothers, Edgar, Marshall and Lester Leigh; and two sisters, Ellen Leigh and Irene Lunderville.

There are no public calling hours. A graveside service will be in the Alice Hunt Cemetery in Canaan, Vt., in the spring, of which notice will be given.

In lieu of floral tributes, the family requests that expressions of sympathy in Mrs. Lachance's memory be made to the Two Rivers Ride for Cancer, c/o Rosemary Mulliken at the First Colebrook Bank, 132 Main St., 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.

Cemetery Details

Alice Hunt Cemetery

VT Route 114
Canaan, VT

Tribute Wall

PW

“ Bryan I am very sorry to hear about your mom she will be missed and I know how that feels after losing my dad last fall. You will have all of the memories of her in your heart and those are the ones to cherish.

Penny L (Brigham) Worrell

Penny L. Worrell - March 25, 2014 at 07:32 PM

JD

“ Bertha was such a gentle, kind person - always saying hello to us "former Canaanites" who have moved away. I grew up knowing Freddy, Eddie, and Mary Lou who are all closer to my age, but also knew Bertha and remember the Leigh family on Canaan Hill from years ago. So sorry to hear of her death. Jean Carol (Ames) Dunham

Jean-Carol (Ames) Dunham - March 18, 2014 at 08:39 AM

RK

“ To the LaChance family:
My wife and I would like to extend our sympathy and condolences to you over the loss of Bertha. Sue and I both worked with Bertha at Ethan Allen and enjoyed the time we had with her. She personally organized my wifes bridal shower in 1975 and she still has fond memories of that occasion. Again may we extend our condolences to your family.

Ron and Sue King, Canaan, VT

Ron King - March 17, 2014 at 12:10 PM

ND

“ Sincere sympathy to all of the family. She will be missed by all who knew her.

Norma Downard

Norma Downard - March 16, 2014 at 01:30 PM

LB

“ Marie Sorry to hear of your Mom" s passing. she will be greasting missed Lo Lucille and Real Bouthillier Port Charlotte, fl

Lucille Bouthillier - March 16, 2014 at 10:56 AM

ET

“ My condolences to the family at this tough time, words cannot ease the pain, prayers and thoughts are with you.



Earl Towle - March 16, 2014 at 07:58 AM

HH

“ Our deepest condolences to the Lachance family on your loss.

Haven & Peggy Haynes - March 14, 2014 at 01:55 AM

DL

“ Bryan,Marie,Diane and the rest of your family.So sorry to here the passing of your mother. Prayers are with you all.
Donna,Rene and Markus Lapierre

donna lapierre - March 13, 2014 at 06:58 PM

FC

“ We want to express to all the family all our sincere condolences.
Francine & Andre Champagne

Francine & Andre Champagne - March 13, 2014 at 05:14 PM

JC

Our sincere condolences to you all. We worked to gather for many years and have a lot of good memories of enjoying each others friendship. RIP Bert.Love Lionel and Jean Chaloux

Jean and Lionel Chaloux - March 13, 2014 at 09:52 PM