



Birdena R. Phillips

June 23, 1926 - April 4, 2016

WEST STEWARTSTOWN – Birdena R. Phillips, 89, passed away early on Monday morning, April 4, 2016, at the Coös County Nursing Hospital in West Stewartstown, with her family by her side.

Birdena was born in Stewartstown on June 23, 1926, a daughter to the late Maurice and Lila (Williams) Hibbard. She was raised on Bear Rock Road in Stewartstown and later on the family farm in East Colebrook. She married Carroll B. Phillips on April 1, 1944.

She always enjoyed cooking for her family, even at an early age; and for 20 years, Birdena was the kitchen supervisor at UCVH. She gave much personal attention and care to the patients and staff at the hospital, and many local residents fondly remember her culinary talent. Even after retirement, Birdena did much cooking and contributed to fund-raising events at the Methodist Church. Earlier in life, she had been employed by the Colebrook Country Club as a housekeeper, and she later worked at the Stratford Plywood Mill for a time. With her husband, her greatest joy was spending time with family. Together, they enjoyed many good retirement years, traveling to Nova Scotia, Europe, and throughout the United States. Her legacy remains alive in her family, with a great love for all her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, never missing a birthday, sporting event or special occasion.

She is survived by her five children, Maurice Phillips and wife Pamela of Crestview, Fla., Eileen Fogg of Colebrook, Leta Brown and husband Wayne of Colebrook, Gary Phillips of Colebrook, and Jane Cross and husband Carey of Colebrook; nine grandchildren, Karen, Darren, Michael, Kimberley, Russell, Brian, Steven, Holly and Shelley; and twelve great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her husband of nearly 63 years, Carroll, in 2007, and three brothers, Cecil, Edwin and Bernard Hibbard.

The family will receive visitors at Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home on Thursday, April 7, 2016, from 1 to 2 p.m. with a short funeral service immediately following at the funeral home. A graveside interment service will be later in the spring in the Colebrook Village Cemetery, of which notice will be given.

Expressions of sympathy in memory of Birdena may be made to the CCNH Residents' Activity Fund, c/o P.O. Box 10, W. Stewartstown, NH 03597.

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

Colebrook Village Cemetery

North Main Street, U.S. Route 3
Colebrook, NH

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 7. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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

Service

APR 7. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

EH

“ I am saddened to hear of the passing of Birdena. She was a truly wonderful and caring person. I worked with Birdena for many years in the Dietary Department at UCVH. She made it fun to come to work. My condolences go out to her family. She will be missed.
Erwin Hibbard

Erwin Hibbard - May 06, 2016 at 02:33 PM

RB

*I was just thinking of Bert and my time working with her at UCVH. Such fond memories I will carry with me! So sad to learn of her passing. My heartfelt condolences to her family.
Rita Bilyeu (Turner)*

rita bilyeu - May 28, 2016 at 12:33 PM

BT

“ *Our sympathy for your loss. Birdena was one of a kind.*

Bruce and Lynne Therrien - April 22, 2016 at 11:30 AM

CH

“ *So sorry for our loss of Aunt Birdena----also sorry I couldn't make it up there for the service.*

*My thoughts and prayers to you all,
Cindy Hibbard*

cindy hibbard - April 13, 2016 at 11:56 AM



“ Jane and all of Birdena Family WE are so sorry for your loss She was a lovely Lady and will be missed.
Lester and Theresa Brooks

Theresa Brooks - April 07, 2016 at 12:47 PM

GL

“ Our thoughts are with all of you during this difficult time. Your Mom has left you with many memories to cherish and now may she R.I.P. Prayers are with you.

Yvan & Cookie (Boudle) Lambert

Gloria Lambert - April 07, 2016 at 10:02 AM

BR

“ Our sincere condolences during this very difficult time to Eileen, Leta, Wayne, Darren, and your entire family.

Bessie (Bunnell) & Jim Rogers - April 07, 2016 at 09:10 AM

BB

“ Eileen, Mike, Brian and family, I am so sorry for your loss. Please know you are all in my prayers.

Barbara Beauchemin - April 07, 2016 at 05:22 AM

HH

“ Our deepest condolences go out the family on your loss. She was very active and touched many people who were better for knowing her.

Haven & Peggy Haynes - April 07, 2016 at 12:37 AM

MU

“ My heart goes out to all of you at the loss of your loved one. It is never easy to see them go, but remembering all the good times, will help to get through these sad times. Mary Ellen Uran

Mary Ellen Uran - April 06, 2016 at 03:17 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Birdena R. Phillips.



April 06, 2016 at 12:42 PM

BK

“ I am so sorry for your loss Leta and family! My thoughts and prayers are with you! RIP Birdena, you will be missed!



Brenda Klebe - April 06, 2016 at 10:39 AM

PB

“ So sorry for your loss--may your memories comfort you. Pat Banfill

Pat Banfill - April 06, 2016 at 10:30 AM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Birdena R. Phillips.*



April 06, 2016 at 09:25 AM



“ *My condolences to Leta and family.*

Steve Bissonnette - April 06, 2016 at 08:21 AM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Birdena R. Phillips.*



April 05, 2016 at 07:39 PM



“ *Thinking of all of you during this time of sorrow.*

Erin Blanchard - April 05, 2016 at 06:25 PM

DB

“ *To the family; My condolences to the family. I worked for many years for Bert at UCVH. We had lots laughs and fun together and she taught me a lot. She was a great person. Keep all the great memories close to your heart*
Debbie Boivin



Debbie Boivin - April 05, 2016 at 06:08 PM

LV

“ *Our sincere condolences to Leta and Wayne and family.*
Bob and Lisa Vashaw



Lisa Vashaw - April 05, 2016 at 05:03 PM

GJ

“ *Leta, Wayne, Darren, and all the Phillips famkily - many thoughts and prayers at this sad time. I worked with her at UCVH for many years, and always enjoyed her good food!*
Gimger Jannenga

Ginger Jannenga - April 05, 2016 at 04:46 PM

HC

“ *Holly, Gregg and Carson purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Birdena R. Phillips.*



Holly, Gregg and Carson - April 05, 2016 at 03:52 PM

JB

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. She was a terrific lady, and I loved visiting with her when I lived in the Colebrook many years ago. My thoughts and prayers are with you.



Judy Hunt Budge - April 05, 2016 at 03:40 PM

LM

“ So very sorry for your loss. Will be praying for all your family during this difficult time of sadness. May you all be comforted by the Lord and may your memories shared together give you peace. Blessings, Lori (Parkhurst) and Jim MacDonald (formerly of Columbia/Lemington) presently of Lisbon NH

Lori MacDonald - April 05, 2016 at 03:25 PM

BM

“ Family of Birdenia, sorry for your lost, I will miss taking care of her. Becky, and Fami

Becky Masters - April 05, 2016 at 03:20 PM