



## Bradley G. Harding

April 7, 1944 - March 2, 2008

COLUMBIA, NEW HAMPSHIRE -- Mr. Bradley G. Harding, 63, of Columbia, New Hampshire, passed away early Sunday morning, March 2, 2008, at the Concord Hospital following a brief illness.

Bradley was born April 7, 1944, in West Stewartstown, NH, a son of Bernard and Josephine (Grant) Harding.

Bradley graduated from North Stratford High School and attended Plymouth Teaching College where he received his teaching degree in mathematics. He began his 33 year teaching career at Pittsburg High School and later taught at Groveton High School, retiring in 2001 to Meriden Hill in Columbia. His many interests included reading, four-wheeling, snowmobiling and motorcycling. He was also an avid sports fan, enjoying both the Red Sox and the Celtics. Teaching was his life, but he was also a dedicated husband, father and grandfather, enjoying family gatherings and spending time with his grandchildren.

Bradley is survived by his loving wife, Lorraine (DeBanville) Harding of Columbia; a son, Chris Harding of Columbia; a daughter, Laurie Rathman and husband, Bill, of Bethlehem, NH; his mother, Josephine Harding of North Stratford, NH; a sister, Marjorie Caron of North Stratford, NH; two grandchildren, Ben and Emily Rathman; and two nieces, Kim and Nicole

Caron.

Bradley is preceded in death by his father, Bernard Harding, and a brother, Larry Harding.

Calling hours were held on Wednesday, March 5, 2008, from 3-5 & 6-8:30 p.m. at the Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home in Colebrook. A funeral service was conducted on Thursday, March 6th at 11:00 a.m. at the North Stratford First Baptist Church with The Reverend Larry Clough and The Reverend Brendan Whittaker co-officiating. An interment service will be held at Sacred Heart Cemetery in North Stratford on Saturday, June 7, at 2:00 p.m.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 5. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home  
103 Main Street  
Colebrook, NH

## Visitation

MAR 5. 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM (ET)

Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home  
103 Main Street  
Colebrook, NH

## Service

MAR 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church  
Main Street  
North Stratford, NH

# Tribute Wall



“ I just saw that Mr. Harding passed away, and I am stunned. Of all of the teachers I had growing up, and throughout college, Mr. Harding was by far the best. Although I have not seen him since 1988, I have spoke of him often, as the real genius behind my ease in mathamatics. Mr. Harding gave me structure and guidance, and never gave up on me, now matter how many times I gave up on myself.

*He will be sorely and greatly missed.*

-daniel##imported-begin##Daniel Stonecipher##imported-end##

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June 08, 2008 at 12:09 AM



“ My deepest sympathies.

*Mr. Harding was the only math teacher I ever had at Pittsburg High School. He prepared me well and made it enjoyable. I'm thankful that he was my teacher.##imported-begin##Keith Gray##imported-end##*

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April 25, 2008 at 08:32 PM



“ To the Harding family, Please know how saddened I was to learn of Mr. Harding's passing. He was one of the best teachers and coaches I had while at Pittsburg High School. May you find comfort in all of the good memories that you have. Sincerely, Deb Knapp##imported-begin##Deb Knapp##imported-end##

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March 11, 2008 at 05:40 PM



“ Lorraine and family....I was very saddened to hear about Brad. He was a good teacher, and one of my favorites. Definitely too young to be taken away so soon. Please accept my deepest condolences.##imported-begin##Pam (Noyes) Bishop##imported-end##

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March 10, 2008 at 02:51 PM



“ Mr. Hardings family,

*I want you to know that scattered as my girls are and as diverse as they are, they agree on one thing , that Mr. Harding was the best math teacher that ever could have been. He played a role in them becoming a teacher, a medical technologist and a CPA....He will never be forgotten.##imported-begin##Susan Wilson##imported-end##*

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March 10, 2008 at 10:30 AM



“ Lorraine, Laurie, Chris, Josephine and families; it is so very difficult to say good-bye to someone whose love you've shared. I truly believe that they take all that love with them. Cherish your memories and, in time, those memories will bring comfort and laughter to replace the tears. All our love!!!!##imported-begin##Shirley, Domenic and Nikko Orrino##imported-end##

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March 09, 2008 at 04:48 PM



“ Lorraine and family...my heart hurts for you as I write this note of condolences...a husband and father play a big part in our lives so hold dear the happy memories you shared together..May you find comfort in Our Lords arms as you reach out to Him...My love to all of you mon amie....Gertie###imported-begin###Guy and Gert Cote###imported-end###

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March 08, 2008 at 02:37 PM



“ It is due to Mr. Harding that I went on to graduate college. We often had spirited words during high school, and I did not want to think of him knowing that I had failed to graduate. I have since gone on to become a teacher, and I regret that I never sent him a letter knowing how much of an impact he had on my success.###imported-begin###Riley Chessman###imported-end###

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March 08, 2008 at 12:26 PM



“ Sorry to hear of Brad's passing. We are in Aruba and just found out about Brad. We are shocked and saddened for you. Our prayers and thoughts and deepest sympathy are with all of you.  
Love, Ron and Linda  
P.S. We will be in touch when we return to N.H. around the first of April.###imported-begin###Ron & Linda Gilbert###imported-end###

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March 07, 2008 at 02:49 PM



“ Lorraine & Family,  
*I was shocked and saddened to receive the devastating news of Brad's passing. My heart goes out to you all. Brad was a great coach, teacher and friend to many North Country kids and will be sorely missed. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Love, Nan Gilbert Curtis*###imported-begin###Nan Gilbert Curtis###imported-end##

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March 07, 2008 at 01:23 PM



“ Dear Lorraine, Laurie & Chris, Please accept my deepest sympathy on the loss of Brad. It was my privilege to know him throughout my life as both family friend and as an outstanding teacher. His quick wit could always bring a smile to my face. My thoughts are with you during this difficult time. My parents are out of the country but I will be sure to let them know of your loss. Sincerely, Kelly

###imported-begin###Kelly Gilbert MacKillop###imported-end##

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March 07, 2008 at 11:08 AM



“ It is with great sadness and a heavy heart that I read about the death of my very special teacher, Mr. Harding. We, the class of 1985, dedicated our yearbook to our beloved teacher. Mr. Harding inspired me to be a teacher. I sit at my desk in my classroom thinking of all the fun and hard work I had with Mr. Harding. He cared about all his students and he made us work hard. I have been telling stories about Mr. Harding to all my students for the past 18 years. Mr. Harding, you are an inspiration. I am sure many of your former students went on to become quality teachers because of the high standards you set in us. Your good work, values, and caring message will live on...###imported-begin###Lori Dowland Groleau###imported-end##

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March 07, 2008 at 11:04 AM



“ May the Harding family find comfort in God's loving invitation to "throw all your anxiety upon him because he cares for you" (1 Peter 5;7) and that he is "near to those that are broken at heart; and those who are crushed in spirit he saves." - Psalm 34;18. It is God's desire and promise that you see Bradley again in the near future, right here on earth under peaceful conditions where death will be no more. Please read and draw strength from God's promises of future earthly events at John 5;28,29; Psalm 37;29 and Psalm 83;18. Please rest your hope in these promises during this difficult time. Take care,##imported-begin##Valerie Thompson##imported-end##

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March 06, 2008 at 01:13 PM



“ Dear Lorraine and Family,  
We were so sorry to hear about Bradley. Our thoughts are with you at this time. He will be remembered always.  
Raoul and Bethany Riendeau##imported-begin##Bethany Riendeau##imported-end##

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March 06, 2008 at 06:44 AM



“ To the Harding family,I was shocked to hear of my favorite teachers passing. He was the best, I will miss him always. My thoughts and prayer with you all.##imported-begin##Casey Robinson##imported-end##

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March 05, 2008 at 10:26 PM



“ Lorraine and Family - I was so sorry to hear about Brad's passing. He was by far one of my favorite teachers. I will also remember how wonderful you and Brad were as our chaperone's on our senior trip to New York. My thoughts are with you at this difficult time.##imported-begin##Darlene (French) Dumais##imported-end##

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March 05, 2008 at 09:04 PM



“ Lorraine:

*I was so sorry to hear the news about Brad. You have my heartfelt condolences.*

*I always enjoyed the times talking with him on the porch solving all the world's problems and talking sports. Know you are in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Dale Ramsay##imported-end##*

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March 05, 2008 at 02:16 PM



“ To Mr. Harding's family and friends - We are so sorry to hear about your loss. We both had Brad as a teacher in high school and was a truly amazing teacher. He was the best teacher I've ever had, including through college. He was also a great man who loved his students and tried to help them out in so many ways, with their education, their lives, their problems...He will be missed by many. Our sincerest condolences - Al and Becky##imported-begin##Alan and Rebecca Woodward##imported-end##

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March 05, 2008 at 01:41 PM



“ Dear Lorraine, Please accept my condolences and sincere sympathy on the sudden loss of your husband. I have heard only good things about him and, of course, I have very fond memories of you and many other students from Stratford. God bless you and be with you always. Patty Hart###imported-begin##Patty Hart###imported-end##

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March 05, 2008 at 11:56 AM



“ Lorraine, Laurie and Chris - I am so sorry for your loss. I have such great memories of Brad from growing up with Laurie. He always made us laugh. Please take care of yourselves and know that we're thinking of you all.

With all my love,  
Suzanne (Maltais) Hicks and family###imported-begin##Suzanne (Maltais) Hicks###imported-end##

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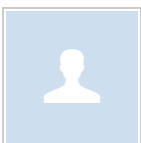
March 05, 2008 at 09:28 AM



“ My heart and prayers go out to you and all of your family.###imported-begin##Barby & Leo###imported-end##

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March 05, 2008 at 08:47 AM



“ we enjoyed his company especially when Betty had a plate of shrimp cocktail in front of her.###imported-begin##Bill and Betty Rathman###imported-end##

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March 04, 2008 at 08:15 PM



“ Lorraine and family,  
I was sadden to hear of the loss of your loved one. May happy memories carry you through this sorrowful time.##imported-begin##Madeleine(Maltais)Garon##imported-end##

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March 04, 2008 at 07:47 PM



“ We are so sorry to hear about Brad. Brad was a great teacher and always a great friend as well. Brad's classic laugh will never be forgotten. He always went one step further than just teaching, such as joining us all on our class trips. I will miss Brad's visit each summer at camp or out for dinner with Dingle. He made a big difference in everyone's life he touched.##imported-begin##Blaine and Sherry Fish##imported-end##

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March 04, 2008 at 07:21 PM



“ Dear Lorraine and family,  
John and I are so sorry and shocked over the loss of Brad passing away. He was a dear friend and will be so missed.  
We are thinking of you in sorrow and with friendship. We have fond memories to always cherish.  
Due to the weather we decided it was prudent to take the chance of driving in it. Our hearts go out to you and if you need us we will be there for you always.  
Love, John and Linda and Bullet##imported-begin##John Paiva and Linda Bottai##imported-end##

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March 04, 2008 at 04:44 PM



“ Our deepest sympathies and sadness go out to our friend Chris Harding and his family in this terrible time of loss. The few times that we met Brad Harding he was pleasant and joking and making those who surrounded him laugh. There's a place in heaven for special people like him, with the angels, he will always look upon those he loved, and who loved him.##imported-begin##Kevin & Allison Hern##imported-end##

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March 04, 2008 at 01:23 PM



“ we are very sorry for your loss of husband and father god bless you all##imported-begin##albin and pat fortier##imported-end##

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March 04, 2008 at 01:11 PM



“ Dear Chris, My deepest sympathies to you and the family. I will cherish and miss the way Dad called me (Mandy). Kacy and I loved him very much and will miss him dearly. All our love, thoughts and prayers are with you. Mitzy & Kacy##imported-begin##Mitzy Cote' Hildreth##imported-end##

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March 04, 2008 at 12:37 PM



“ Lorraine and Family, Allan and I are so sorry and shocked to hear the news of Brad passing away. We were very fond of him, he will be missed in the Valley. Please know our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. We are here if you need anything at all.##imported-begin##Wanda MacNayr & Allan Fratus##imported-end##

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March 04, 2008 at 12:10 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear about your loss. I am really going to miss seeing Brad around. He always knew just what to say to make me smile even on a bad day. I am truly going to miss him. My deepest sympathy goes out to his family and friends.##imported-begin##Nicole Briere##imported-end##

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March 04, 2008 at 10:31 AM



“ I was humbled to hear of My favorite teachers passing. He was incredible and very dedicated. I struggled in math and he helped me through. He was there in the morning before school and always available to give his extra knowledge. I will keep you all in my prayers and will remember him always!##imported-begin##Marlene (Berube) Styles##imported-end##

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March 04, 2008 at 10:18 AM



“ Lorriane & Family,  
I was saddened to hear of the passing of Brad. I have you in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Heather(Boudle)Carter##imported-end##

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March 04, 2008 at 09:59 AM



“ Lorraine and Family,

Our sincere thoughts are with you and your family at this time of sorrow.

Mark & Barb (Boudle)Cloutier##imported-begin##Barbara Cloutier##imported-end##

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March 04, 2008 at 09:25 AM



“ *To the Harding Family, my deepest sympathies for your loss. Mr. Harding was without a doubt the best teacher that I have ever had.*

*I was lucky enough to have Mr. Harding as a teacher for Geometry in 10th grade. He was a wonderful person who truly cared about his students, in the classroom as well as in their personal lives. He was a great role model for me and I will truly miss him.*

*Sincerely, Sara Bockman###imported-begin##Sara Bockman###imported-end##*

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March 04, 2008 at 09:21 AM



“ *Laurie, Bill and family*

*So sorry to hear of your loss. Although we never had the opportunity to meet him, we're sure that he was a wonderful man who will always remind you of fond memories. Again, our condolences.*

*Dick & Sue Boulter  
Manchester, NH###imported-begin##Richard & Sue Boulter###imported-end##*

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March 03, 2008 at 10:04 PM



“ *To the Harding Family,*

*I want to send my sincere condolences on the loss of your loved one. I had Mr. Harding as an Algebra teacher at Groveton High School and he by far was an excellent teacher and mentor. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Sincerely,*

*Kristy Cloutier*##imported-begin##*Kristy Cloutier*##imported-end##

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March 03, 2008 at 05:10 PM



“ *Was so sorry to hear about Bradley, my prayers to all the Family, my love and prayers to you Josphine, Lorraine and all of the families.*  
*Norma*##imported-begin##*Norma Roberts*##imported-end##

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March 03, 2008 at 02:52 PM



“ *Dear Lorraine, Laurie and Chris,*  
*I am so soory to hear of Brad's passing. Please know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Take Care*

*Kate*##imported-begin##*Kate (Curley) Tardiff*##imported-end##

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March 03, 2008 at 02:44 PM



“ *Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies on Brad's passing. We were both very saddened when we heard the news. Our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.*

*Sent with love and remembrance,  
Alan and Tiffany Twofoot##imported-begin##Alan and Tiffany  
Twofoot##imported-end##*

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March 03, 2008 at 02:39 PM