



Claire R. Inkel

January 24, 1926 - October 23, 2012

BEECHER FALLS, VT—Mrs. Claire R. Inkel, 86, died peacefully at her home on Tuesday afternoon, Oct. 23, 2012, surrounded by many members of her loving family.

She was born on Jan. 24, 1926, in St. Malo, Quebec, a daughter to the late Joseph and Corinna (Masson) Viens. Claire married Leopold “Paul” Inkel in 1945.

For many years, Claire worked at the Beecher Falls Division of Ethan Allen, and she later worked in the housekeeping department at the Coos County Nursing Hospital. She also was a well-known maker of Christmas wreaths, and taught many others how to make them. She also loved to be a hairdresser for her many friends. Claire was a very hard-working woman who was always helping others. She cherished her family and friends and would do anything to help them. She was a perfectionist in all that she did. Her favorite times were spent at family gatherings and family dinners.

Claire was a faithful communicant at St. Albert’s Catholic Church, and she was one of the area’s few “Gold Star Mothers,” losing her oldest son, Guy, in 1969 on the battlefield in Vietnam.

She leaves behind her four children, Susan Cross of Gorham, NH, Peter Inkel

and wife Donna of West Stewartstown, Pauline Couture and husband Bob of Canaan, and Carole Horton and husband Jim of Canaan; eleven grandchildren, Marise Burns, Caroline Cross Poulin, Karen Jorgensen, Danielle Dooley, Carmen Inkel, Paul Inkel, Maria Poulin, Michelle Johanssen, Corey Couture, Marc Inkel and Amy Horton; eleven great-grandchildren; and one great-great grandson.

She is preceded in death by her husband of 45 years, Paul Inkel, in 1990; her son, Guy Inkel, in 1969; her oldest daughter, Diane Delorge in 2010; a granddaughter, Lisa MacDonald; and her six sisters, Claudia Robidas, Aldea Routhier, Eva Boyer, Aurore Thibodeau, Florence Perron, and Simone Thibeault; and a beloved son-in-law, Wendell Cross in 2007.

Calling hours will be on Thursday, Oct. 25, 2012, from 2-4 & 6-8 p.m. at the Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home in Colebrook. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday, Oct. 26, at 10 a.m. at St. Albert's Church in West Stewartstown, with The Rev. Craig Cheney as celebrant. Burial will follow at St. Brendan's Cemetery in Colebrook.

Expressions of sympathy in memory of Mrs. Inkel may be made to the North American Martyrs' Parish for the benefit of St. Albert's, 55 Pleasant 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.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **25.** 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home
103 Main Street
Colebrook, NH

Visitation

OCT **25.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home
103 Main Street
Colebrook, NH

Service

OCT **26.** 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Albert's Roman Catholic Church
Church Street
West Stewartstown, NH

Tribute Wall



“ My deepest sympathy to all of you.##imported-begin##Diane Drouin Roy##imported-end##

October 26, 2012 at 09:56 PM



“ We were so sorry to her of the lost of your Mom.I worked at the CCH when she did.She did an excellent job not only in housekeeping but cutting hair. We enjoyed visiting her when we when to Colebrook.She will be greatly missed.##imported-begin##Real & Lucille Bouthillier Port Charlotte, Fl.##imported-end##

October 26, 2012 at 06:51 PM



“ Your Mom was a very loving woman who blessed the world with an awesome family!! We are praying for you all during this difficult time. Hugs...##imported-begin##Bob & Debby Rancourt##imported-end##

October 26, 2012 at 07:57 AM



“ Some 30++ years ago, I was a high school student working at CCNH in housekeeping; and this crackerjack of a woman showed me the ropes - Claire taught me how to really clean, and made me want to learn from her and seek her approval. It has been many years, but it is with fondness that I remember working with her, and hear her tell stories about all of her children. Enjoy your memories. Pam##imported-begin##Pam Frizzell##imported-end##

October 26, 2012 at 07:33 AM



“ Your mom was a beautiful woman. We are thinking of you at this time. Take comfort in knowing that she is with her loved ones again! God Bless you all, Keenan and Chantal###imported-begin###Keenan & Chantal Carney###imported-end##

October 25, 2012 at 06:34 PM



“ We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.###imported-begin###Gilles and Priscilla Lambert###imported-end##

October 25, 2012 at 11:58 AM



“ James and I wish to extend our deepest condolences to Claire's family. She was a very, very lovely lady and will greatly be missed by her loved ones and friends. May God bring you all comfort during this time of deep loss. Love, Lori and James###imported-begin###Lori (Parkhurst) MacDonald###imported-end##

October 25, 2012 at 07:20 AM



“ All our condolences to all the family.###imported-begin###Francine & Andre Champagne ###imported-end##

October 24, 2012 at 08:37 PM



“ Our sincere condolences to the family. She was a great and a special lady. A good card player too. we are thinking of you all.###imported-begin###Denise Carrier###imported-end##

October 24, 2012 at 05:30 PM



“ Sending our sincere sympathy to the family. Will miss her at the greenhouse next year.##imported-begin##David & Jean Lawton##imported-end##

October 24, 2012 at 03:40 PM



“ Very sorry to hear about your loss, I know she was very close to you all.##imported-begin##Tim Woods##imported-end##

October 24, 2012 at 02:39 PM



“ My Deepest sympathy and your lost of your mother, my prayers are with you all. she always be remember by all family and friends.

Virginia Riendeau##imported-begin##VIRGINIA RIENDEAU##imported-end##

October 24, 2012 at 01:05 PM



“ My deepest sympathies to the entire family for the loss of Memere! I'm so glad to have known such a wonderful woman. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.##imported-begin##Tori Smart##imported-end##

October 24, 2012 at 01:03 PM



“ Peter, your mother was one of the nicest ladies I have ever met. You have our deepest condolences of your loss. Our prayers are with you at this time.##imported-begin##Haven & Peggy Haynes##imported-end##

October 24, 2012 at 12:19 PM