



## Dean E. Bunnell

February 12, 1930 - November 15, 2013

SOUTH CANAAN, VT — Dean Elton Bunnell, 83, of South Canaan, Vt., passed away on Friday afternoon, Nov. 15, 2013, at the Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital in Colebrook, with his family by his side and after a brave struggle with cancer.

He was born in Canaan on Feb. 12, 1930, son to the late Nelson and Flora (Martin) Bunnell.

Dean was a well-known local tinkerer, inventor, and master small-engine mechanic. For more than 50 years, he was the proprietor of Bunnell's Sales & Service, repairing small-engine equipment for four generations of customers. He designed the Bunnell Waxmaster, a device for the waxing of cross-country skis, and he helped to design and build the Bunnell Pulploader with his father. He also designed well drivers and dug many local water wells with his son. In his shop, Dean sold Suzuki motorcycles and Bombardier snowmobiles for many years. He was the first person to own a Ski-Doo back in 1963 (giving up his smoking habit to be able to pay for it).

Dean loved hunting, fishing, snowmobiling, motorcycling, chess and music. At the age of 80, he took up playing the ukulele with his daughter. He loved to tinker on all different kinds of machinery. He was also an accomplished dog-breeder, being responsible for a lineage of national award-winning beagles.

Dean will be dearly missed by his countless friends, family and loyal customers.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Gloria (Dorman) Bunnell of South Canaan; a son, Dean L. Bunnell and wife Janet of Columbia, NH; a daughter, Roberta B. Bunnell of South Canaan; two brothers, Nelson Bunnell and wife Pegg of Canastota, NY, and Clifford Bunnell and wife Shirley of Pittsburg, NH; a sister, Marilyn Madore of East Hartford, Conn.; eight grandchildren, Jody Roy of Colebrook, Gina Roy of Meredith, NH; Deanna Bunnell Roy and husband Sebastiaan Bentum of Stanstead, Que., Richard Bunnell of Colebrook, Kara Cummings of Boston, MA., Katie Bunnell of Dover, NH, Airole Cummings of Canaan, and Jonathan Bunnell of Boston, MA; as well as his seven great-grandchildren: Stephen, Hunter, Josef, Sean, Shael, Kristen, and Kayla; and his dog, Banjo.

He is preceded in death by his siblings, Edna Grace, Helen, Burton, Emily, Everett, Maxine, and Jean.

Friends and family are welcome to visit with the Bunnell family at the Community Baptist Church in Colebrook on Monday morning, Nov. 18, from 10-11 a.m., immediately followed by a memorial service. A committal and burial will take place at Noon that same day at the Morrison Cemetery on Rt. 102 in South Canaan, Vt. Pastor Justin Weberg will officiate.

Expressions of sympathy in memory of Mr. Bunnell may be made to the Two Rivers Ride for Cancer, c/o R. 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](http://www.jenkinsnewman.com).

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home, Colebrook, NH.

# Tribute Wall



“ Sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.love Uncle Real and Aunt Lucille##imported-begin##Real and Lucille Bouthillier Port charlotte fl.##imported-end##

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November 28, 2013 at 07:17 PM



“ I will remember fondly the time I spent up at Uncle Dean's camp! A trait all Bunnells share, he was compassionate and hilarious, and always fun to be around. He will be missed.##imported-begin##Nicole Perry##imported-end##

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November 24, 2013 at 06:46 PM



“ Please accept our deepest sympathies in your time of sorrow.##imported-begin##David & Suzanne Cook##imported-end##

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November 23, 2013 at 08:28 PM



“ Very sorry to hear of the passing of Dean. I worked for him a the shop in the early 80's, and learned a great deal about machinery and people from him. I have fond memories of that time. In the past 30 years I have stopped to see him every time I was in the area, and we always had a pleasant visit. Condolances to the family. Bill Brauch##imported-begin##Bill Brauch##imported-end##

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November 23, 2013 at 06:45 PM



“ I am sorry for your loss!##imported-begin##Charay Clark##imported-end##

November 23, 2013 at 03:23 PM



“ Dean, Janet, and kids,  
Our deepest sympathy for the loss of your Dad and Grandpa. May you find comfort and rest in the arms of our Lord.##imported-begin##Paul and Sharon Cleveland##imported-end##

November 22, 2013 at 09:53 AM



“ Sorry for your loss. We'll always cherish the memories of olden days snowmobiling together with cookouts along the trails.##imported-begin##Barbara and Joe Daley##imported-end##

November 21, 2013 at 09:35 AM



“ Thinking of you Gloria and all the good times we had back in our snowmobiling days. My deepest sympathy to all of you.  
Sue##imported-begin##Sue Miller##imported-end##

November 20, 2013 at 08:45 PM



“ We were sorry to learn of Dean's death. He was a great guy who was always there when we needed him. We will miss our visits with him and discussions about fishing, hunting and what was going on in the North Country.##imported-begin##Pat and Les Klinefelter##imported-end##

November 20, 2013 at 10:27 AM



“ Gloria, Dean, Bobbie and families, we are so sorry for your loss. Keith and Dean were buddies for a good many years... Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this time. Love Keith and Billie##imported-begin##Keith and Billie Brockney##imported-end##

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November 19, 2013 at 01:58 PM



“ Goodnight Uncle Dean. I will miss you and your passion for the great outdoors and all of its abundance. I fondly remember all the times we spent at camp on Todd Hill. Fishing, playing cards, cooking brook trout and most of all your hearty laughter. Your tinkering skills that brought engines to life in the bitter below zero temps on top of moonlit hills. The easy love that you shared with Gloria and your love for my cousins Bobi & Deanie. You are missed. Karen##imported-begin##Karen Hughes Irvine##imported-end##

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November 18, 2013 at 10:42 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear about your loss. You all are in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Mary Beth Bright##imported-end##

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November 18, 2013 at 05:53 PM



“ Dean and Janet,  
Sorry to hear about your father. My thoughts and prayers are with you.  
We bought our first Ski-Doo from him,  
in the early sixties. We depended so much on him, to keep it in repair.  
Take care,  
Leatrice Bacon###imported-begin##Leatrice Bacon###imported-end##

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November 18, 2013 at 03:09 PM



“ Memories are the heart's way of holding on to those we love.  
Will donate to Two Rivers Ride for Cancer in his honor.  
Faith (Slocum) Luciano  
& Family###imported-begin##Faith Luciano###imported-end##

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November 18, 2013 at 11:59 AM



“ Gloria, Dean & Janet, Bobbi: Our deepest sympathy to all of you & your families. Dean was an icon in so many ways... I feel so lucky to have known him from an early age, I experienced many wonderful memories he will be sadly missed.###imported-begin##Walter & Suzelle Noyes###imported-end##

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November 18, 2013 at 08:47 AM



“ Thinking of you all, my sympathies. The few times I visited his home, I was welcomed with open arms. I have nothing but fond memories of those times.###imported-begin##Jennifer Glenister###imported-end##

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November 18, 2013 at 06:44 AM



“ Aunt Gloria, and cousins Dean and Bobie, I am sorry for your loss. I have many happy memories of our yearly visits with your family such as: riding in the back of the truck on the way to camp, hiking in the woods to go fishing, visits to the shop, the beagles, and most importantly the it's raining vs. sprinkling debate. I hope that similar fond memories with your husband/dad help get you through this difficult time.##imported-begin##Raymond Madore##imported-end##

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November 17, 2013 at 08:55 PM



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

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November 17, 2013 at 08:53 PM



“ Oh Bobie...I am sorry to hear of his passing. I just checked my facebook today and saw the notice. What a wonderful obituary...was holding it together well until I was reading all those survivors including his dog, Banjo,...but what a wonderful life he had!! As always we are here for you!! Todd's at deer camp, stalking the wild deer in your father's honor. Love you guys!!##imported-begin##Jennifer L Turner##imported-end##

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November 17, 2013 at 03:52 PM



“ Thinking of you, Gloria, Bobie and Dean, Jr. Wishing I could be there in person.  
I will be remembering great memories of my brother, Dean.##imported-begin##Marilyn Madore (Hewinson)##imported-end##

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November 17, 2013 at 03:13 PM



“ Gloria and family - many thoughts and prayers at this sad time. Dean will be remembered by just about everyone up here.##imported-begin##Ginger Jannenga##imported-end##

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November 17, 2013 at 02:17 PM



“ When I think of Uncle Dean, I remember a great laugh, ski-dooes and beagles. Gloria, Bobie, Dean, Jr and your extended families, I wish you serenity of happy memories and the peace of his love for family and friends. This from a city-girl niece, Pam.##imported-begin##Pamela Madore##imported-end##

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November 17, 2013 at 01:29 PM



“ Our sincere condolences to the Bunnell family. Mr. Bunnell was a longtime friend of my husband Yogi and we share a lot of memories and talks on Friday night coming back home from Colebrook with the girls. take careDenise Christine & Sylvie Carrier##imported-begin##Denise Carrier##imported-end##

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November 16, 2013 at 10:17 PM



“ To the Bunnell Family - I really enjoyed chatting with Dean from time to time when we were in the North Country. He was a great man that always had a smile. Had some good times at the hunting camp with Dean and Smitty. Hopefully the support of your family and friends will help you through this difficult time.##imported-begin##Don Crawford##imported-end##

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November 16, 2013 at 08:35 PM



“ Rest in Peace Dean. Enjoyed dome great times with you years ago. My condolences to Dean's family.##imported-begin##John Morrissey##imported-end##

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November 16, 2013 at 08:27 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers to the Bunnell family.##imported-begin##Paul Madore##imported-end##

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November 16, 2013 at 08:09 PM



“ Our family has lost one of it's finest. He will be remembered and missed by everyone who knew him.

Love

Krista##imported-begin##Krista Perry##imported-end##

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November 16, 2013 at 06:59 PM



“ *Bobie, your father was such a sweet and honorable man. He will be greatly missed. Jeremy and I wish you and your family peace and comfort during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Shelly and Jeremy Forkey##imported-end##*

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November 16, 2013 at 06:25 PM



“ *Bobby - So sorry for your loss. I hope your Dad is at peace now. Sending hugs to you and your family. Love, Rose##imported-begin##Rose Dubois##imported-end##*

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November 16, 2013 at 06:12 PM



“ *Bobbi,iam so sorry for your loss.My thoughts and prayers go out for you and your family,sending you hugs. Love ,Donna##imported-begin##Donna Leigh##imported-end##*

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November 16, 2013 at 04:39 PM



“ *Our sincere sympathy to the entire Bunnell family.##imported-begin##David & Jean Lawton##imported-end##*

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November 16, 2013 at 03:29 PM



“ *I knew Dean (though I only ever knew him as Gramps) through his Granddaughter Kara. From the first time I met him, he was kind and funny, very welcoming. I always enjoyed my time with him, and am sorry to hear of his passing.##imported-begin##Ben Unkles##imported-end##*

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November 16, 2013 at 02:51 PM



“ *Dear Bunnell Family,*

*A real man of the woods, a legendary father, loving grandfather and a devoted husband for even longer. I see how sorely Dean will be missed. My heart goes out to you all.*

*Love Coco*###imported-begin###*Coco Kaplan*###imported-end##

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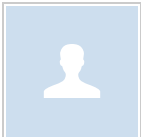
November 16, 2013 at 02:16 PM



“ *Dean, Janet and family...Please accept our deepest condolences in the loss of your Dad. He was a wonderful man and will be greatly missed. You are in our thoughts and prayers at this very difficult time. Lori and Jim*###imported-begin###*Lori (Parkhurst) MacDonald*###imported-end##

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November 16, 2013 at 12:51 PM



“ *my sympathies to the entire family.*###imported-begin###*Maegan Haynes*###imported-end##

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November 16, 2013 at 12:29 PM