



Deborah M. Lynch

December 28, 1963 - June 21, 2025

STEWARTSTOWN— Deborah M. Lynch, of Stewartstown, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and dedicated educator, passed away peacefully on Saturday, June 21, 2025, at the age of 61 in Lebanon, N.H., with her beloved husband by her side.

Born on Dec. 28, 1963, in West Stewartstown, Debbie devoted her life to family and education. For over 35 years, she worked in the local school districts, where she touched the lives of countless students, families, and colleagues. As a respected principal, she led with compassion, patience, and a steady hand—always putting students and staff first.

Whether serving as a teacher or administrator, she brought compassion, patience, and integrity to everything she did. Her unwavering commitment to the success and well-being of her students left a lasting impact that continues to ripple through the community.

The school was more than her career. She was a loving mother who raised her children with kindness and strength, a loyal friend who always had time to listen, and a steady presence who gave her all to those she cared about. Her warm smile, wise counsel, and generous spirit will be deeply missed.

Outside of her career, Debbie lived with a spirit of fun and adventure. She

loved camping, relaxing by the pool with a good book or great conversation, and enjoying the simple joys of a shopping trip with family or friends. She had a warmth that drew people in, and a quiet strength that made everyone feel safe and loved.

She is lovingly remembered by her husband of 42 years, Jim, her daughter and son-in-law, Jessica and Jason Maurais, her son and daughter-in-law Travis and Ashlie Lynch, three beautiful grandchildren, Rylie, Ainsley, and Noah, two brothers, David and his wife Julie and Danny and his wife Cheryl, her nieces and nephews, as well as a legacy of lives enriched through her work and love.

Deb is predeceased by her parents, Freeman Colby in 1974 and Mildred (Shallow) Colby in 2014.

Visiting hours will be held on Friday, July 25, 2025, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home in Colebrook. A memorial service will be held the next morning, Saturday, July 26, at 10 a.m. at the Pittsburg School gymnasium, with a celebration of her life to follow.

Expressions of sympathy in memory of Debbie may be made to the Jack Byrne Center for Palliative & Hospice Care, 154 Hitchcock Loop Road, Lebanon, NH 03766; or the Two Rivers Relief for Cancer P.O. Box 376, Colebrook, NH 03576.

Condolences may be offered to the family on-line by going to www.jenkinsnewman.com.

Arrangements are entrusted to the care of Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home in Colebrook.

Cemetery Details

Stewartstown Hollow Cemetery

NH Route 145
Stewartstown, NH

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 25. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

Memorial Service

JUL 26. 10:00 AM (ET)

Pittsburg School Gymnasium
Main St.
Pittsburg, NH 036592

Tribute Wall



“ Jim V. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Deborah M. Lynch.

Jim V. - August 08, 2025 at 11:15 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Deborah M. Lynch.



July 24, 2025 at 03:45 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Deborah M. Lynch.

July 24, 2025 at 03:45 PM



“ Sadly, there just are no words. My heart breaks for the Lynch, Colby and Shallow families.



Corliss family - July 23, 2025 at 02:18 PM

TF

“ *The Martin Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Deborah M. Lynch.*



The Martin Family - July 23, 2025 at 01:42 PM

RF

“ *Richard and Suzanne Russell and Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Deborah M. Lynch.*



Richard and Suzanne Russell and Family - July 20, 2025 at 06:18 PM



“ *May cherished memories bring you some peace in your time of sorrow. Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us everyday. Sending all my sympathy, prayers, and love to all of you.*



Amanda Roy - July 12, 2025 at 01:55 PM

YF

“ *Your Rock Church Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Deborah M. Lynch.*



Your Rock Church Family - July 08, 2025 at 12:01 PM

YF

“ Your Rock Church Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Deborah M. Lynch.

Your Rock Church Family - July 08, 2025 at 12:01 PM

LC

“ Linda Clogston lit a candle in memory of Deborah M. Lynch



Linda Clogston - June 26, 2025 at 04:19 PM

LC

Jim and family i am so sorry for your loss.

Linda Clogston - June 26, 2025 at 04:20 PM

DG

“ Mrs. Lynch, was always at the desk to welcome the voters on election day. A bright light. Welcome everyone. An educator gone to soon. Our prayers to the family. The Grays. Round Pond.

Diane/ John Gray - June 26, 2025 at 04:11 PM

BF

“ Jess and family. We are so sorry for the sudden loss of your beautiful mom. She is at peace, not suffering. Not easy for those left behind, yet, we try our best to believe that there will be no more suffering for this beautiful woman. Hugs to you all. Love you Jess❤️

Barbara Foote - June 26, 2025 at 11:22 AM

VD

“ Virginia And Douglas lit a candle in memory of Deborah M. Lynch



Virginia and Douglas - June 25, 2025 at 08:02 PM

VD

Our deepest condolences to the families , may the lord give peace and comfort to those who are suffering from her passing hugs ☐ to all the family.

Virginia and Douglas - June 25, 2025 at 08:05 PM

CL

“ Big Jim, Jessica, Travis, and family. I'm still in disbelief that our Debbie is gone. I enjoyed our many conversations at both campgrounds over the past 35+ years. My sincere condolences.

Chris Leavitt - June 25, 2025 at 07:29 PM

TH

“ We are so sorry for the loss of Deb. She was such a ray of sunshine and a beloved woman. Her family was everything to her. We have many great memories with her at the campground. I have spent many hours at the pool with Deb. Have had many conversations and good times with her. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her. Our heartfelt condolences to Jim and her family.
Tina and Phil Hunt



Tina and Phil Hunt - June 25, 2025 at 03:28 PM

KG

Debbie was a wonderful person and had a big heart for anyone she knew and the people who cared so deeply about her and loved ones, her big smile was contagious to everyone who knew her! She will always be remembered as a great wife, mother, grandmother and a wonderful friend to so many people, bless her heart, soul and spirit! So sorry for your loss of a beautiful family member, wife, mother 🙏❤️❤️

Kathy Gifford - June 25, 2025 at 04:49 PM

KG

So young and a beautiful woman

Kathy Gifford - June 25, 2025 at 04:51 PM

A.

“ Anita . purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Deborah M. Lynch.



Anita . - June 25, 2025 at 01:56 PM

A.

“ Anita . planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Deborah M. Lynch.

Anita . - June 25, 2025 at 01:56 PM

BM

“ Becky Masters lit a candle in memory of Deborah M. Lynch



Becky Masters - June 25, 2025 at 12:40 PM

DL

“ Heartfelt sympathy to Jim, her children, and all her family.

Deb Lawton - June 25, 2025 at 11:16 AM

EB

“ Eric Brungot lit a candle in memory of Deborah M. Lynch



Eric Brungot - June 25, 2025 at 11:10 AM

JC

“ Carey and I send our deepest sympathy to all of Debbie's family, friends and all students whose life she touched. It is just so sad

Jane Cross - June 25, 2025 at 09:18 AM

DA

“ Sorry for your loss, she was a wonderful person and always available to help. Donna Allen

donna allen - June 25, 2025 at 08:25 AM

JW

“ So very sorry for your loss! Debbie was a wonderful, caring, loving and positive, always had a smile on her face. Love, prayers and hugs for you all! 🙏🙏🙏



Janet Washburn - June 25, 2025 at 08:24 AM

JF

“ Janet Boudle French lit a candle in memory of Deborah M. Lynch



Janet Boudle French - June 25, 2025 at 08:00 AM

LH

“ Jim, Jess, and family. Words cannot express the sorrow we feel for you. Debbie was such a big part of everyone’s lives both at our campground and the northern community. Our lives have all been a little brighter because of her. She will be missed by all who knew her. Love Cliff and Lorraine



lorraine henry - June 25, 2025 at 06:44 AM

MP

“ Sending our condolences to her husband, children and her loved ones. She is and will be missed. Every morning our granddaughter Lily would do a fashion presentation and Deb would always tell her how beautiful she looked. It just wont be the same without her greeting us. Tim, Michelle, Jayden, and Lilyanna



Michelle Parenteau - June 25, 2025 at 12:12 AM

BR

“ *Bill And Terri Rutherford lit a candle in memory of Deborah M. Lynch*



Bill and Terri Rutherford - June 24, 2025 at 08:41 PM

MO

“ *My deepest sympathies to all the family. Deb was such a wonderful friend and co worker. Will never forget our wonderful chats we had many years ago. You will be terribly missed. RIP.*

monique ouimette - June 24, 2025 at 08:40 PM

JL

“ *Here's one of my best teachers years ago that I ever had... Her generosity and love was matched no other...fly high my friend... My condolences to the Lynch family* ❤️🕊



Jeremy Ladd - June 24, 2025 at 08:21 PM

SM

“ *Jim, Jessica, Travis and family, my heart hurts so much for you all. Debbie was a special person and cousin. I will always hold a special place in my heart for her. My hugs and prayers to out to you all. Love you all, Shori*

Shori McKinnon - June 24, 2025 at 08:21 PM

LM

“ There are no words that adequately describe how great a loss. Our prayers are for Jimmy, Jessica and Jason, Travis and Ashlie, the grandchildren, family, friends, co-workers, students, campground family that must now go on. May the Lord give you all His strength and comfort. Such a time of sorrow, but gratitude for having known and loved her.

Love and prayers, 💔🙏

Lori (Parkhurst) and Jim MacDonald
(Presently of Franklin NH)

Lori MacDonald - June 24, 2025 at 07:57 PM



“ Rita Donnell lit a candle in memory of Deborah M. Lynch



Rita Donnell - June 24, 2025 at 07:51 PM

DL

“ No words, my heart is broken. Jim, Jes, and Trav We are sending our love to you all. She ment the world to us and she had such a community impact. She truly loved you all. Sending our love. I'll miss you forever Aunt Debbie love Markus.💔 Love you always Donna,Rene and Markus.



Donna Lapierre - June 24, 2025 at 07:40 PM

EC

“ There are no words. My deepest condolences to Jim, Jessica, Travis and the growing Lynch Maurais families. I will never forget the hours and hours of advice and counseling she shared while riding out study period in her home economics classroom at CMHS.

Eric Charest - June 24, 2025 at 07:29 PM

TM

“ Tina Marie & Maci lit a candle in memory of Deborah M. Lynch



Tina Marie & Maci - June 24, 2025 at 07:25 PM



“ Debbie was one of my closest friends and also a member of our campground family. She was one of the most caring person I had ever met.
until we meet again, ❤️
to the entire Lynch family our deepest condolences.
Kevin, Sarah Garrett and Haley.

Kevin Lassonde - June 24, 2025 at 07:25 PM

KL

“ Kevin Lassonde lit a candle in memory of Deborah M. Lynch



kevin lassonde - June 24, 2025 at 07:22 PM

JZ

“ *Jana, Scottie, Zaya lit a candle in memory of Deborah M. Lynch*



Jana, Scottie, Zaya - June 24, 2025 at 07:10 PM

JZ

There are no words.. We are just heartbroken... We are keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers. Debbie has done so much for all of our children, families and the community, and has touched so many lives! Always greeting you with a smile! Thank you for sharing her with all of us! We are truly grateful! Our deepest sympathies to you all.

Jana, Scottie, Zaya - June 24, 2025 at 07:24 PM

RP

“ *Rosemarie LANCTOT Prince lit a candle in memory of Deborah M. Lynch*



Rosemarie LANCTOT Prince - June 24, 2025 at 07:07 PM

DM

“ *My deepest sympathies to Jim and family, and to David and Dan and families. I am so sorry for your and this world's loss. Debbie was such a wonderful person. Her passing is just heartbreaking.*

Debbie Carrigan McGuire - June 24, 2025 at 07:07 PM

JN

“ *Debbie will be missed by our schools and community....I wish I knew the right words for you all, we are deeply saddened and pray for strength threw this difficult time, love The Nadeau’s*

Julie Nadeau - June 24, 2025 at 07:00 PM

DL

“ *Our deepest sympathies to Debbie’s beautiful family. Debbie’s purpose was teaching children, sharing knowledge, instilling values and boosting confidence. Her main purpose was loving, caring, nurturing and guiding her own children and grandchildren. Debbie will be greatly missed. Blessings of love and light to her family. Dave and Lucille Hickey*

Dave and Lucille - June 24, 2025 at 06:57 PM

CR

Debbie was a light in many students lives. She will be deeply missed. Condolences to the Lynch family! 💔

Carmen Riley - June 24, 2025 at 07:09 PM

DC

Our Sincerest Sympathies to Debbie's family. She was truly dedicated to children and an inspiration to all. I'll always remember her beautiful smile. You will be missed by all.....

Darlene Cote - June 24, 2025 at 07:38 PM

PN

“ *The North Country has lost a true jewel. I have known Deb for most of her life and watched her weave herself into the fabric of the North Country. Whether it be as a student on the Stratford School teams, the administrator of West Side School, Canaan Schools, or Pittsburg School, she was an exceptional leader. This is a great loss to the community. My thoughts and prayers to all in her family. Heaven has gained an angel, without a doubt. RIP, Deb.*




Paula Noll - June 24, 2025 at 06:47 PM

DP

“ *Jim
So sorry for your loss ! David Placey*

David A Placey - June 24, 2025 at 06:46 PM

JD

“ *I am sad and heartbroken  for the Lynch and Colby families. She was an amazing daughter, wife, mom, grammy, sister, aunt and friend. She lived her life to the fullest! Please know that you all are in my thoughts and prayers in the short and sudden loss! Love you all!  *

Julie Daley - June 24, 2025 at 06:43 PM

MS

“ *Our sincere condolences to Jim and family. Sure going to miss our meetings at the pool where you would find Deb reading or just hanging out and having good conversations...Rest in peace Deb.
Mike and Diane Ramsey*

Michael and Diane Ramsey Sr. - June 24, 2025 at 06:30 PM

AG

“ We have all lost a true treasure. Debbie will be greatly missed. She touched so many lives in such a positive way.

Sincere sympathy to all of Debbie's family and friends.

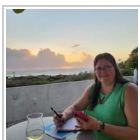
Fly high, my friend.

Ann Gray - June 24, 2025 at 06:28 PM

JC

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Debbie's passing. My memories of her were as a young girl with her brothers David and Danny. My husband Pete was a cousin to her dad. My deepest condolences to her family.

Janet Colby - June 24, 2025 at 06:25 PM



“ My sympathies to Debbie's family and loved ones including her "children" she loved through teaching. She was a wonderful woman.

Josee Cote - June 24, 2025 at 06:10 PM

FA

“ Faith & Mike Angevine lit a candle in memory of Deborah M. Lynch



Faith & Mike Angevine - June 24, 2025 at 06:04 PM

TB

“ *Tal & Maureen Blanchard lit a candle in memory of Deborah M. Lynch*



Tal & Maureen Blanchard - June 24, 2025 at 06:00 PM

DB

“ *Debbie Bedard lit a candle in memory of Deborah M. Lynch*



Debbie Bedard - June 24, 2025 at 05:55 PM

MA

To the family of Debbie our thoughts and prayers are going out to everyone of you! She was a ray of sunshine! Rest in peace Debbie!

MarkBarb(Boudle)Cloutier - June 24, 2025 at 06:48 PM

LP

Why do bad things always happen to good people, there are no words, deepest sympathy to Jim and family. Sincerely, Jeff & Linda Plaisted

Linda A. Plaisted - June 25, 2025 at 11:33 AM



I am sad I just met her April 8th, 2024 & have no time to get to know her. She was so very friendly! I do, however know her son, Travis, his fabulous wife, Ashlie, & his lovely children/grandchildren to Debbie-Rylie & Noah. My deepest condolences, also, to her husband, Jimmy, her daughter Jessica, husband, Jason & her granddaughter, Ainsley. And her brothers David & Dan & families. And all other family & friends.

Carol Bond - June 25, 2025 at 08:50 PM