



## Edna Oliver Haynes

August 6, 1927 - February 16, 2018

ST. JOHNSBURY, VT – Edna C. Oliver Haynes, 90, of St. Johnsbury, Vt., and formerly of Colebrook passed away on Friday evening, Feb. 16, 2018, at the St. Johnsbury Health & Rehabilitation Center.

She was born in North Hatley, Que., on Aug. 6, 1927, a daughter to the late Henry and Blanche (Ward) Clark. Edna and her seven brothers and sisters were raised on a farm, known as the round barn, in Ways Mills, Que. Growing up during a time when all farm work was done manually helped create a strong work ethic and spirit of helping each other out that lasted a life time. This also created very strong family bonds. She lost her 18-year old brother Harry to drowning and later her brother Jack was killed in World War II.

She attended local schools and went on to graduate from Stanstead College. She went to work in the office at Sheard's Mill in Coaticook. While attending her brother Percy's wedding reception, she was introduced to Ken Oliver, whom she married in 1950. She moved to Colebrook and went to work in Fred Harrigan's law office. In 1956 she had a son, Michael, and decided give up her job at the law office and be a stay at home mom. It was her lifelong dream to be a mom and Edna very much enjoyed each and every moment of parenthood. She raised Michael alongside her sister Rita's family, creating a sibling-like bond between the cousins.

Her very active life included St. Stephen's Episcopal Church (the Wonder Workers), Red Cross blood drives, family fun time – sliding, baseball, golf, taking Boy Scouts hiking, and visiting friends and relatives. Edna also packed on miles of speed walking around the various roads in Colebrook. Perhaps what kept her busiest was tending to those around her as she was a caretaker of many during her long life. One of Edna's famous phrases was to "cover that baby up!" She had a great love of music and dancing – "as long as it had a beat." She was also proud to be Canadian.

In 1970 she returned to work part time at Willard Pike's insurance company and also with M&S printing. In 1973, she went to work full time at the First Colebrook Bank, where she worked for the next 20 years. She took pride in her work and always made time for family and friends.

Ken passed away in 1985, and then Edna spent a lot of time with her granddaughters. She perfected her pot roast and oatmeal recipes, so the girls were convinced that her cooking was magical. She found comfort in her precious bird, Hawkeye, who was her companion for years.

In 1998, she married longtime friend Donald Haynes. They enjoyed their years together and spent many hours at camp, traveling and attending family events. They learned how to send e-mails and enjoyed sending and receiving their daily family updates. They could often be found sitting at the kitchen table with a glass of milk and a game of Skip-Bo. Donald passed away in 2004.

In 2010 Edna moved to St. Johnsbury to an assisted living facility, Canterbury Inn. She also spent a year living with her granddaughter, Kathryn and family. Edna's last year was spent at the St. Johnsbury Health and Rehab Center.

Edna is survived by her son, Michael Oliver and his wife Janice of Wheelock, Vt.; her granddaughters Victoria Emery (Jake) of Thetford, Vt., Kathryn

Tousignant (Roland) of Williamstown, Vt., Kathi Grimshaw (Doug) of Torrington, Conn., Ken Frazier of Hartford, Conn., Steve Frazier of Hartford, Sandy and Greg Bouvier of Hartford. Her great-grandchildren, Oliver, Elly and Burkley Emery; Brayden, Collin and Evan Tousignant; Megan Dopart and Erin Grimshaw; and her sister Edie of Ontario; as well as nieces and nephews and some very special life-long friends. She was predeceased by step-daughter Pat Frazier in 2005.

Calling hours will be on Tues, Feb. 20, 2018, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home in Colebrook, NH. A funeral service will follow the next morning, Wed., Feb. 21, at 11 a.m. at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Colebrook. An interment committal service will take place later in the spring at the Colebrook Village Cemetery, of which notice will be given.

Expressions of sympathy in memory of Mrs. Haynes may be made to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, P.O. Box 85, Colebrook, NH 03576.

Condolences may be offered to the family on-line by going to [www.jenkinsnewman.com](http://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

FEB 20. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Service

FEB 21. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church  
Parsons Street, NH Route 26  
Colebrook, NH

# Tribute Wall

LC

“ *Linda Clogston lit a candle in memory of Edna Oliver Haynes*



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**Linda Clogston** - February 24, 2018 at 11:23 AM

LC

*So sorry to hear about Edna. I worked with her for years at the bank. What a nice lady*

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**Linda Clogston** - February 24, 2018 at 11:24 AM

DW

“ *Mike and family,... I was so sorry to read about “ Mrs. Oliver’s “passing. Your Mom was one of my favorite people... she always had themost uplifting, positive smile. May God comfort all of you ... hugs... Deb Cummings Wells.*

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**Deborah Cummings Wells** - February 23, 2018 at 07:59 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Edna Oliver Haynes.*



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February 20, 2018 at 11:42 PM

BK

“ *Brenda Klebe lit a candle in memory of Edna Oliver Haynes*



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**Brenda Klebe** - February 20, 2018 at 10:11 PM

RH

“ *Edna was a wonderful lady and a dear friend to our Mom. May she rest in peace.*

*Sincerely,*

*Richard and Sandy Hall*

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**Richard Hall** - February 20, 2018 at 03:34 PM

SB

“ *Susan Brooks lit a candle in memory of Edna Oliver Haynes*



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**susan brooks** - February 20, 2018 at 10:23 AM

BN

“ *Sorry to hear of your mothers passing Mike. My condolences.*

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**Bob Noyes** - February 20, 2018 at 09:02 AM

RW

“ Mike and family ,we are all sending our deepest heart felt sympathy to you all ,Auntie Edna was such a doll and so loved by all who knew her ,she just so loved life and lived hers to the very fullest ,she always looked stunning and such a natural beautiful and had the energy of people half her age ,thinking of you all -love Lois -Holly-Letitia- Robin

ROBIN whipple - February 19, 2018 at 07:38 PM

RM

“ One of my very favorite co-workers at the bank - she always made the day so much brighter and easier. I told her she was my role model - she had more energy at 70 than I did at 45! She was like the energizer bunny! Beautiful lady, inside and out; a true treasure. My sincere condolences to Mike and family.

Rosemary Mulliken - February 19, 2018 at 02:02 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Edna Oliver Haynes.



February 19, 2018 at 10:15 AM



“ . purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Edna Oliver Haynes.



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