



Edward C. McKeage

March 10, 1937 - September 20, 2013

COLEBROOK, NH—Mr. Edward C. McKeage, 76, of Colebrook, passed away at his home on Friday morning, Sept. 20, 2013, after a year-long, courageous battle with cancer.

He was born on March 10, 1937, in Colebrook, a son to the late Willard R. and Josephine (Ellingwood) McKeage.

Eddie was a woodsman for his entire adult life, working first with Reuben Washburn and later for the WeLog, Inc. company. He began by helping to build stables and later worked at logging camps until he was old enough to operate heavy equipment, which he did for the remainder of his life. Eddie enjoyed camping and going to auto races, as well as watching NASCAR on television. He had a passion for gardening, and he loved to go fishing.

He leaves behind his loving wife of 40 years, Judith “Judy” (Dexter) McKeage of Colebrook; two sons, Robin McKeage and wife Ginger of Groveton, NH, and Steve Bunnell of Bloomfield, Vt.; three daughters, Kelly McReel and fiancée Forrest Locke of Conway, NH, Dianne Vermette and husband Michael of E. Waterboro, Me., and Susan Poulin and husband Ken of Northfield, NH; three sisters, Gloria Danello and husband, Tommy of Bellingham, Mass., Loretta Adams of Colebrook, and Juanita Close of Bellingham, Mass.; 19 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren; daughters-in-law, Maureen Ingerson of

Lancaster, NH, Jeannette Smith and husband Alan of Bel Air, Maryland; brother-in-law David Dexter and wife Janet of Coventry, Conn.; as well as numerous nieces and nephews. He also leaves behind dear friends and neighbors, Roland & Patty Hart, Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Smith, and Mr. & Mrs. Richard "Thumper" Webster; and very special friends, Greg & Donna Stone and their daughters, Megan and Delanie of Colebrook; as well as special friend, Ginny Bellacqua of Columbia.

Eddie is predeceased by siblings Brendan and Randall McKeage; a close friend and long-time colleague, Earl "Skip" Kenney; and a very special friend who he considered as close as an adopted brother, Robert "Rocky" Bellacqua.

At his specific request, there are no public calling hours. A private service will be at a later date at the convenience of the family.

Expressions of sympathy in memory of Mr. McKeage may be made to one's choice of Northwoods Home Health & Hospice, 120 Main St., Suite 5, Colebrook, NH 03576; the Week's Medical Center Oncology Dept., 173 Middle St., Lancaster, NH 03584; or the Two Rivers Ride for Cancer, c/o Rosemary 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.

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

Tribute Wall



“ With deepest sympathies to Judy and family.##imported-begin##Paul Conti##imported-end##

October 15, 2013 at 09:21 AM



“ Judy and all of the Family, I am sending you all my prayers and best thoughts.We go back a long time and a lot of wonderful memories, my arms go around you and holding you tight.Love Pauline.##imported-begin##Pauline (Hurd) Johnsey##imported-end##

October 04, 2013 at 11:57 AM



“ So sorry Judy. You are so strong, such a caring person. May your memories and faith hold your heart. Know you are being thought of. Prayers and hugs Becky Bean##imported-begin##Becky Bean##imported-end##

October 02, 2013 at 04:05 PM



“ We are so sorry, Eddie was a great man and great neighbor. We are just across the street if you need us. We love you Judy. Jackie and Lenny##imported-begin##Jackie and Lenny Caires##imported-end##

September 28, 2013 at 10:23 AM



“ *Our Brother and Father*

Eddie McKeage was a very special brother. Every Saturday morning he came with his coffee cup anywhere between 5 and 6 a.m. to visit and he was not a visiting man. Eddie loved the North Country. He enjoyed the small town life. The pancake breakfast, chicken barbecues, parades and festivals. He especially enjoyed cheeseburgers, french fries and onion rings. His true passion was the woods. He loved walking in the woods, scoping out where he would build the next road. His dozer and his grader were his big boy toys. Two weeks before he passed he had me take him for his last hair cut and to say goodbye to his dozer.

He enjoyed riding around listening to, Willy's Place on the radio, looking around Home Depot, Lowe's, Fairs and Home Shows. He took great pride in his home making flower gardens and mowing with his John Deere tractor. He was a Cadillac man. He got his first one when he was a teenager and had two when he left us.

He loved his family and wasn't much for words but we all knew how much he cared. He has left a big void in our lives but so many special memories. We will miss him terribly.

Eddie's Family

Loretta, Gloria, Juanita

Robin, Kelly, Diane##imported-begin##Loretta Adams##imported-end##

September 27, 2013 at 09:00 AM



“ Judy, please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss..our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time. With heartfelt condolences, Derwood and Simone McKeage##imported-begin##Derwood and Simone McKeage##imported-end##

September 26, 2013 at 11:31 PM



“ I am sorry that Ed has passed, but take comfort that he is no longer in pain. Glad that I got to visit with Ed and Judy recently. We will forever be grateful to both of you for being a part of the discovery of my Eddie's family. To become a member of this extensive family is a blessing. God grant you comfort as you go thru this very difficult time.##imported-begin##Mojie Hapgood##imported-end##

September 26, 2013 at 04:06 PM



“ My most sincere feelings for the loss of Ed to all his family.##imported-begin##John A. Forbes##imported-end##

September 26, 2013 at 08:23 AM



“ my thoughts are with the whole family, so sorry for your loss.Eddy if you are listening it was once said if there was enough dirt you and skip could build a road to the moon! RIP my friend##imported-begin##john w stillings##imported-end##

September 25, 2013 at 07:09 AM



“ My condolences for your loss. Eddie was always someone that I knew most of my life and he would always say hello. He will be missed. Should there be anything that I can do to help, please don't hesitate to ask.##imported-begin##Robert Noyes##imported-end##

September 25, 2013 at 05:32 AM



“ Judy and family, we are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. With sympathy, Manny and Sharon##imported-begin##Manny and Sharon Poulin##imported-end##

September 24, 2013 at 07:24 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Hasen & Jeannine Bursn##imported-end##

September 24, 2013 at 12:59 PM



“ Dianne,
My thoughts are with you at this difficult time. Treasure the memories you have.

Holly Fortin##imported-begin##Holly Fortin##imported-end##

September 24, 2013 at 09:07 AM



“ Judy, we are so sorry to hear about Ed passing. We thought a lot of him. He was so courageous, he put up a good fight. May God bless you! You were just as courageous; fighting right along beside him. God has special Angels on earth too; and your one of them!###imported-begin##Robert & Martha (Brooks)
Gadwah###imported-end##

September 24, 2013 at 08:04 AM



“ So sorry to hear of Eddie's passing, We have so many memories of him, over 40 years of working with him at Washburns. Lots of laughs! We will keep our memories in our hearts forever. Love to you Judy, we are just a phone call away. God Bless you Ed, RIP.###imported-begin##Josey and Debbie Bedard###imported-end##

September 24, 2013 at 04:02 AM



“ Deepest sympathy to Judy and family. Eddie will be missed by many. He was a wonderful courageous man.###imported-begin##David & Carol Rainville###imported-end##

September 23, 2013 at 09:01 PM



“ So sorry for your loss--thinking of you--had not heard this news when I ran into Steve and Sue Sunday.###imported-begin##Pat Banfill & Bernie Biron###imported-end##

September 23, 2013 at 02:55 PM



“ Frank & I were saddened to hear of Eddie's passing. He will be missed. He was great guy and dear friend. Judy you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. The boys are up there watching over us.

Rita##imported-begin##Rita & Frank Lovejoy##imported-end##

September 23, 2013 at 11:12 AM



“ Judy, Robin, Kelly, Dianne & family,
I am so sorry to hear of Eddie's passing, he was such a wonderful man & will be missed by all.

My thoughts are with all of you at this very difficult time.

Love Jan & family##imported-begin##Jan Surrige##imported-end##

September 23, 2013 at 08:35 AM



“ Please accept our condolences on the loss of a great man. Thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.##imported-begin##Michael and Sharon Belknap##imported-end##

September 22, 2013 at 11:18 PM



“ Judy and family, please know what an honour it was to have been part of your lives during a very private time. Loving thoughts to you and your family,

Deb Dimmitt##imported-begin##Deborah Dimmitt##imported-end##

September 22, 2013 at 10:09 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear about Ed. I have thought about the both of you often, since he started on hospice. My deepest sympathies to you, Judy and your family. Please don't hesitate to call if you need anything.##imported-begin##Lisa Boudle##imported-end##

September 22, 2013 at 08:08 PM



“ I sympathize with you, Judy, because I know what you are going through. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Call me if you ever need someone to talk to, or a shoulder to cry on.##imported-begin##Louissette Jeffers##imported-end##

September 22, 2013 at 08:05 PM



“ Judy- so sorry for your loss, your love and support for your husband in his last days was an amazing gift to him. Hugs to you and yours, May peace be with you.##imported-begin##Marci Ducret##imported-end##

September 22, 2013 at 06:50 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. He will surely be missed by many. I hope many great memories will help you and your family through your grief.##imported-begin##Bonnie Lambert##imported-end##

September 22, 2013 at 04:06 PM



“ Judy and Family; Our thoughts and prayers go out to you in this time of sorrow. We will miss seeing and talking to Eddie especially Thumper. They were very good friends who worked together for years and shared some wonderful memories. Love you Thumper and Kay###imported-begin###Dick###imported-end###

September 22, 2013 at 01:49 PM



“ Judy, thinking of you through prayer and thoughts. Keep his memories close to heart. He was a very special man.###imported-begin###Lisa and Michael Bouchard and family###imported-end###

September 22, 2013 at 08:04 AM



“ You have always made me proud to say I was Eddie McKeage's daughter. I will cherish your heart of gold all the days of my life. Love you Dad more than words can express. you will be so greatly missed. Heaven has gained one beautiful angel.###imported-begin###Kelly Mckeage McReel###imported-end###

September 21, 2013 at 10:37 PM



“ So Very Sorry to hear of Uncle Eddies passing. We send our Condolences to all of his Family and Friends. RIP Edward C. McKeage. With Love, Kim Grant and Family###imported-begin###Kim Cardosi Grant###imported-end###

September 21, 2013 at 10:20 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Eddie is at peace now. Remember all the wonderful memories of him and fill your hearts with love.##imported-begin##cindy kenny##imported-end##

September 21, 2013 at 10:09 PM



“ We are so sorry about Ed. But he is no longer suffering He will be missed He was a nice man I mailed a couple cards to you today not knowing.##imported-begin##Theresa & Lester##imported-end##

September 21, 2013 at 08:08 PM



“ We are thinking of you Judy and family.
We truly appreciate the honor we had of having Eddie in our lives.
We are sure Rocky is showing Eddie around heaven and they are getting ready to work in the woods together again.
Love you Judy, Ginny and Nancy##imported-begin##Ginny Bellacqua & Nancy Petro##imported-end##

September 21, 2013 at 07:29 PM



“ My deepest sympathies to Judy and family. Judy has always spoken so highly of her special Eddie and what a wonderful father, friend and husband he was. Eddie would come by and see us every year at the Fryeburg Fair and say hello and make us feel special. Knowing he would make a point to see us each year speaks volumes of his character because in the grand of scope of things we only saw Eddie and Judy a couple of times in their home, besides the fair, but he and Judy made us feel special so I can just imagine how he made family and friends feel. He will be missed dearly and the Fryeburg Fair just won't be the same without seeing Eddie :(Love to you Judy,
Lisa Getchell###imported-begin###Lisa Getchell###imported-end##

September 21, 2013 at 05:16 PM



“ Judy, My heart goes out to you and all of your family. There is no easy way to get through this, but remembering the good times, will help to get through these sad times. My prayers are will all of you.###imported-begin###Mary Ellen Uran###imported-end##

September 21, 2013 at 04:54 PM



“ Sorry to hear of your loss. I don't think I ever met Edward but my Grandmother was Gladys McKeage Haynes###imported-begin###Jackie Haynes Santamaria###imported-end##

September 21, 2013 at 03:54 PM



“ We were shocked to read about Eddie today. I knew he was not feeling well for some time, but never knew about the cancer! We are so sorry for your loss, and will keep you in our thoughts and prayers. Love Keith and Billie X O###imported-begin##Keith and Billie ###imported-end##

September 21, 2013 at 02:53 PM