



## E. Hampton Roy, Sr.

July 5, 1926 - November 29, 2012

STEWARTSTOWN, NH—After a full and productive life of 86 years, Hamp Roy of Stewartstown, NH died peacefully on Nov. 29, 2012.

Born on July 5th, 1926, in Fredon Township, NJ, to the late Coursen and Alberta Roy, he grew up on the family dairy farm where he learned a work ethic that he carried with him for the rest of his life. After graduating from high school, Hamp served his country by joining the U.S. Army.

After the service he worked a variety of jobs including trucking for the family coal business. After marrying Mildred “Millie” Barbay on Oct. 12, 1950, he started a successful farming enterprise growing sweet corn in partnership with his father. During this enterprise he developed a lifelong respect for John Deere tractors and worked in his spare time as a John Deere salesperson.

In 1959 Hamp and Millie purchased Sportsman’s Lodge at Diamond Pond and have lived at Diamond Pond ever since. Initially Sportsman’s Lodge was a 3-season business – fishing in the spring, family vacations in the summer, and hunting in the fall. Hamp offered guiding services to guests and was proud to be a licensed NH Guide. During the winter months when Diamond Pond Road was not plowed, the family moved to Colebrook where Hamp worked for Willard and Josephine Nugent.

In the early years of snowmobiling, Hamp recognized the potential for incorporating this activity into the business. After getting a bill through the New Hampshire legislature to fund the plowing of Diamond Pond Road, Sportsman's Lodge became one of the first area resorts open for winter business. Hamp was a pioneer in snowmobile trail grooming and spent untold hours creating and maintaining snowmobile trails that promoted the sport in its initial phases here in the North Country. He did this without any financial compensation. He was a charter member of the Colebrook Ski Bees and remained active with the club for many years.

In 1979 Hamp and Millie sold Sportsman's Lodge and built a home on Diamond Pond. At that point Hamp returned to work for the Nugent family, delivering home heating oil and LP gas, doing gravel construction work, and driving school bus. Always entrepreneurial, Hamp also offered services to Diamond Pond folks that ranged from light carpentry and firewood, to snowplowing and bulldozer work. The family wreath business was started at that time and continues today. Hamp also successfully completed the real estate course and hung his license at Joan M. Angwin Real Estate.

Hamp always enjoyed the outdoors, including hunting and fishing and working in his woodlot. He harvested timber each year on his woodlot including firewood, pulp, and sawlogs until he was in his late 70s. At age 86 he was still helping split and stack firewood. Hamp served as a Deputy Fire Warden, a responsibility he held for many years. At age 59 he took up golf as well and enjoyed playing in the local league. His interest in the game brought him to yet another line of work: as a ranger on The Balsams Panorama Golf Course. He shared his knowledge of the outdoors by volunteering as an OHRV Safety Course Instructor.

Throughout his life Hamp was a hard worker and at the same time had a keen sense of humor – always ready with a joke or witty remark. But most of all he

was a genuine people person. Operating the lodge, delivering fuel, driving bus, working at the golf course, and performing all his other activities were a joy to him because he had the opportunity to interact with folks he knew and the opportunity to meet new people.

Hamp leaves behind his wife of 62 years, Mildred (Barbay) Roy; his son E. H. Roy of Diamond Pond; his daughter Cindy Roy Hood of Lancaster; a number of nieces and nephews; and many close friends. His daughter's family includes her husband Paul "Skip" Hood, and his children Doug Hood, Caryn Hood Wright and husband Tyler, Jon and Anne Femenella Hood, and their children Ben and Olivia.

Hamp was preceded in death by his sisters Phyllis Lorenzo and Virginia Minelli, and by his brother Andrew Roy.

Calling hours will be held on Friday evening, Dec. 7, 2012, from 6-8 p.m. at the Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home in Colebrook. A memorial service with military honors will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 8, at the Monadnock Congregational Church in Colebrook with The Rev. Rebecca Larson officiating.

Expressions of sympathy in memory of Hamp may be made to the Keith Haynes Memorial Scholarship stewarded by the Colebrook Ski Bees at P.O. Box 125, 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.



# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 7. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home  
103 Main Street  
Colebrook, NH

## Service

DEC 8. 2:00 PM (ET)

Monadnock Congregational Church  
Main Street  
Colebrook, NH

# Tribute Wall



“ Dear Millie, E.H. and Cindy

*Our heartfelt sorry at your loss. A man who touched so many lives and left behind a legacy of memories for all to enjoy. Our prayers and thoughts are with each of you. Love, Linda, Lee, Scott and Lisa##imported-begin##The Spector Family##imported-end##*

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March 05, 2013 at 06:07 PM



“ Always a fun seeing him at Sportsman's when we would be up snowmobiling.##imported-begin##Joel boucher##imported-end##

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December 13, 2012 at 02:19 PM



“ We were saddened to hear the news of Hamp.  
*Many fine Diamond Pond memories of Hamp's help and kindness through some fifty years, live on with us.  
Our deepest sympathies are with you.  
John & Alex Kenny  
Sierra Vista, AZ##imported-begin##John & Alex Kenny, Sierra Vista  
AZ##imported-end##*

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December 08, 2012 at 11:03 PM



“ My thoughts are with you. This poem just seemed to describe my image of Hamp.

*An old man, traveling a lone highway,  
Came at the evening cold and gray,  
To a chasm deep and wide.*

*The old man crossed in the twilight dim,  
For the sullen stream held no fears for him,  
But he turned when he reached the other side,  
And built a bridge to span the tide.*

*“Old man,” cried a fellow pilgrim near,  
“You are wasting your strength with building here;  
Your journey will end with the ending day,  
And you never again will pass this way.*

*“You have crossed the chasm deep and wide.  
Why build you a bridge at eventide?”  
And the builder raised his old gray head:  
“Good friend, on the path I have come,” he said,  
“There followeth after me today  
A youth whose feet will pass this way.”*

*“This stream, which has been as naught to me,  
To that fair-haired boy may a pitfall be;  
He, too, must cross in the twilight dim –  
Good friend, I am building this bridge for him.”*

*~W.A. Dromgoole##imported-begin##Hiel Lindquist##imported-end##*

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December 08, 2012 at 10:16 AM



“ Sorry for your loss, my thoughts are with you.##imported-begin##Richard "Sandy" Stevens##imported-end##

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December 07, 2012 at 05:59 PM



“ Dear Cindy, I am so sorry to learn of your dad's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. Love & blessings, -Ryan##imported-begin##Ryan Wood##imported-end##

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December 06, 2012 at 09:57 PM



“ To the Roy Family,my deepest sympathies.  
To Hamp, farewell my friend, you are simply one of the nicest people I have ever known. I won't miss those late nights in the snow, but I will sorely miss you.##imported-begin##Dennis Thompson##imported-end##

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December 06, 2012 at 09:16 PM



“ Hamp has been a true friend for 40 years and will be much missed by all of us at "Ballou Heaven". Rest in peace Hamp. You can never be replaced. Till we meet again.

Tom##imported-begin##Tom Bergin##imported-end##

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December 06, 2012 at 06:52 PM



“ Yvon and I are so sorry to hear that Hamp passed away. He was such a good man and we really like him a lot. We enjoy knowing him a little while playing cribbage. He will be missed##imported-begin##Yvon and Manon Robert##imported-end##

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December 06, 2012 at 02:31 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.##imported-begin##Clark and Valerie Benson##imported-end##

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December 06, 2012 at 08:41 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you in this time of mourning.##imported-begin##Robert Noyes##imported-end##

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December 05, 2012 at 06:10 PM



“ E.H. I am saddened to hear about your father. I have fond memories of him and count him as a kindred spirit in his love of natural resources. I know it is difficult to lose a parent. My mom passed away at the early age of 53 and it was hard for me. If there is anything I can do for you, don't hesitate to ask. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Brendan Prusik##imported-end##

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December 05, 2012 at 03:52 PM



“ Dear Millie, E.H. and Cindy and Family – Deepest sympathy goes out to all of you. Hamp was a great person will be a huge loss to Diamond Pond and the North Country. He always told me to “have faith in the fly” and always offered me a helping hand when in need. The name Hamp went hand-in-hand with “Millie” and Sportsman’s Lodge. I remember Sportsman’s Lodge being a destination for our family knowing that “Hamp and Millie’s” hospitality would make everyone feel so welcome and the memories would last forever. I remember my grandmother (Helen Clement) raving about Hamp being “oh so debonair.” Now, 35 years later, I bring my son to Diamond Pond and tell him stories of the “I remember whens...” and it always includes the stories of Sprotsman’s Lodge and Hamp and Millie. You will be missed Hamp... Thoughts and prayers are with Mille, E.H., Cindy and the Roy family.##imported-begin##Bob Backiel##imported-end##

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December 04, 2012 at 10:48 PM



“ My love and prayers are sent your way##imported-begin##Sally Grimm Stoner##imported-end##

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December 04, 2012 at 09:42 PM



“ Dear Millie, EH, and Cindy,  
Our grandparents, Hiel and Margaret Allbee, just loved staying with you at the lodge. They were always thrilled to introduce other family members to the joys of staying, too. We have fond memories of our visits. Grampa was also very proud to be a licensed NH guide and loved deer hunting. You may not hear from all of our extended family, but please know that we are all saddened by Hamp's passing.  
Marcia & Stephen LaPierre##imported-begin##Marcia & Stephen LaPierre##imported-end##

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December 04, 2012 at 09:07 AM



“ Many fond memories of stopping out at the lodge snowmobiling with Willy Colt and my brother Dick and the bunch. Sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers go out to the family.##imported-begin##Jim Brady##imported-end##

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December 03, 2012 at 06:17 PM



“ To "Hamp's" family...

*We have such fond memories of Hamp driving around on his ATV on the golf course at the Balsams....Such a sweet, gentle man who enjoyed nothing more than to have a conversation with the people he met on the course. We vacationed at the Balsams for many years and Hamp always made it a point to stop and say hello. He never forgot us! As we never forgot him!*

*Our fondest memory of Hamp was on the 12th Hole where we would find him each day we played sitting next to the Green in his ATV eating his lunch...watching our approach shots.....always with a smile on his face and lots to talk about....Then soon after, we would see him "buzzing" around on the course, doing what he enjoyed! How I miss those days! Every time I think of our times spent at the Balsams, Hamp is the first one that comes to our minds...Truly an amazing man and one we considered "our friend" on and off the course.*

*Our condolences to Hamp's family on your loss! May memories comfort you in the trying days ahead...Our thoughts and prayers are with you...##imported-begin##Dave & Debbie Creta (Rhode Island)##imported-end##*

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December 03, 2012 at 05:58 PM



“ Millie so sorry to hear about your lost of Hamp: He was a great guy: Keep all the great memories close to the heart it will help you heal;

*sincerely*

*Debbie Boivin##imported-begin##Debbie Boivin##imported-end##*

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December 03, 2012 at 05:17 PM



“ Aunt Millie, EH and Cindy:

*Sending tons of love to all of you as you navigate a very difficult time. We are heartbroken that Uncle Hamp has passed away but know that he is smiling down on us from above. Maybe chatting up Aunt Phyl, Uncle Buzz, Gaga, Grandpa, Karin and sister, Ginny. I'm sure there a few stories they haven't heard! Love you all. Donna and John##imported-begin##John and Donna Hosang##imported-end##*

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December 03, 2012 at 02:23 PM



“ Millie,EH, Cindy and family,

*Our condolences on the passing of Hamp.Our thoughts and prayers are with you in this difficult time.*

*With deepest sympathy,*

*Pam & Wayne Frizzell##imported-begin##Wayne & Pam Frizzell##imported-end##*

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December 03, 2012 at 01:34 PM



“ *Enjoyed going to the Balsams for over 30 years. My wife and I looked forward to seeing Hamp at the Panorama Golf Course. Hamp was an institution at the Balsams and was enderared to many visitors. A smiling face and an enjoyabe and loving man tio talk to. Masny fond memories. Gone, but never forgotton.##imported-begin##Bob Goodspeed##imported-end##*

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December 03, 2012 at 10:01 AM



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

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December 02, 2012 at 04:35 PM



“ Sorry to hear about Hamp's passing. He had a smile that could light up a room and I will always sremember how welcoming he and Millie were when we came to your house back in high school. He will be missed, everywhere and by eeveryone! Thinking of you.##imported-begin##Kathy and Randy McIntyre##imported-end##

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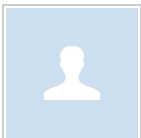
December 02, 2012 at 12:22 PM



“ Knowing Hamp was knowing a great guy. Sorry for you loss. We will miss his smile and niceness. Sam and Joan##imported-begin##Samuel and Joan Bird##imported-end##

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December 01, 2012 at 09:03 PM



“ Our condolences on the passing of Hamp. He was truly one of the great "old timers" who lived, worked and loved the great outdoors. Our prayers and deepest sympathy are with you. God Bless, Roland and Patty Hart##imported-begin##Patty Hart##imported-end##

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December 01, 2012 at 04:26 PM



“ Goodbye, old friend..those of us who hadn't seen you in several years thought about you often..may you rest in peace (you won't rest, you'll be just as busy in heaven).

Mil, Cindy and EH, i know you'll be comforted by the wonderful family memories you all have.

With deepest sympathy.

Bill##imported-begin##Bill Hamblen##imported-end##

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December 01, 2012 at 03:22 PM



“ Our sincere sympathy to all of you. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. He will be missed.##imported-begin##David & Linda Caron##imported-end##

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December 01, 2012 at 02:18 PM



“ My very sincere thoughts and prayers are with you all. Very fond memories of Diamond Lake gatherings.  
"Wishing you fair winds and following seas"

Love, Rick##imported-begin##Rick Sprague##imported-end##

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December 01, 2012 at 01:32 PM



“ I am truly sorry you are gone Hamp. I can't think of anyone who will have more friends who will miss you. You were a great husband, which I'm sure Mil told you, and a great father, as I can attest knowing Cindy and E.H. and a great friend to us all. Grease the pearly gates, we'll all see you soon. Looking forward, first round is on you. Mil, Cindy, and E.H. you have my sincere sympathy.

An old friend,

Donny##imported-begin##Donald Vashaw ##imported-end##

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November 30, 2012 at 09:40 PM



“ A very kind man, very sorry for your loss.  
I remember while growing up on the hill getting a kick out of listening to Hamp and my dad visit, it seemed they knew everyone.##imported-begin##Carey Clark##imported-end##

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November 30, 2012 at 08:21 PM



“ Many thoughts and prayers for Millie and E.H. on Hamp's departure. We sure go back many, many years, and I'll always have many memories - all the times I went by the Lodge on my dog sled, Hamp parking the snomo trail groomer in our yard, etc. May he rest in peace, and may all the wonderful memories comfort you.##imported-begin##Ginger Jannenga##imported-end##

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November 30, 2012 at 06:17 PM



“ Our deepest condolences to the Roy family on your loss. I can remember meeting Hamp when I started school. Then I golfed with him when we started the Twilight Golf League back in the 90s. He will sorely missed by the North Country.##imported-begin##Haven & Peggy Haynes##imported-end##

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November 30, 2012 at 04:50 PM