



Eleanor C. Lyons

March 23, 1932 - January 11, 2022

COLEBROOK – Mrs. Eleanor (Corbett) Lyons, 89, of Diamond Pond Road, Colebrook, passed away Tuesday evening, January 11, 2022, at the Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital surrounded by her loving family.

Eleanor was born March 23, 1932, in Colebrook (at the Ledgeview Farm on South Hill Road), the daughter of Eldon J. Corbett and Mildred (Jacobs) Corbett.

She was a lifelong resident of Colebrook. Eleanor attended Colebrook Schools and was a proud graduate of the Colebrook Academy Class of 1950. She went on to graduate from the Plymouth Teachers College in 1954. This led to her 30-year dedicated career of teaching business classes at Colebrook Academy. (Thousands of students learned “the quick brown fox just came to play...from Mrs. Lyons.)

She and Grady Lyons were married on June 26, 1954. Grady and Eleanor operated their dairy farm, Gra-Elie Farm in Kidderville from 1954 to 1978. From 1978 to 1993 they operated the farm as a partnership with their son, Bruce.

Eleanor served her community in many ways while teaching school, working alongside Grady running the farm, and raising three children.

She was a 75-year member of the Grange, first at the Colebrook Grange and for most years at the Mohawk Grange #217 where she served in many offices. She chaired the annual chicken pie supper for many years with friends Ann Woodard, Carolyn Brooks, and Leta Brown. She had been a member of the Monadnock Congregational Church since 1945 and had served as Clerk, Deaconess, Sunday School Teacher, and Christian Education committee member and chairperson. Eleanor was a 50-year member of the Eureka Chapter #2 Order of Eastern Star. She served as Worthy Matron in 1976 and 1977. After retirement she joined the Metallak Retired Teachers Association serving as president at one time. She enjoyed seeing people as a volunteer greeter at UCV Hospital.

Eleanor was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She enjoyed going to her grandchildren's ballgames, recitals, plays and proms with Grady and then after his passing. Together they loved to dance to country music. They spent many enjoyable retirement hours at their camp on Maidstone Lake.

Mom was a proud daughter of, wife of, and mother of Colebrook dairy farmers. She was well known as a wonderful cook, especially her rolls and chicken pie. In recent years she enjoyed doing daily Bible devotionals, reading historical fiction, and doing crossword puzzles. She enjoyed visits from family, neighbors, and her many friends.

She is survived by her daughter Eldonna Brooks, and her husband Clint, son Bruce and his wife Stephanie; and son Brent, all of Colebrook. She has seven grandchildren: Brooke Matthews (Krissy) of Springfield, VT, Aaron Brooks (Nicole) of Norwich, CT, Stephen Lyons (Kate) of Warwick, RI, Jennifer Frizzell (Justin) of Colebrook, Kim Casavant (Ethan) of Essex, VT and Dana Mullins (Jon) of West Milan, NH and Asenath Frizzell (James) of Winslow, ME.

Her great grandchildren are Anja, Kylie, and Olivia Brooks, Kelly and Graydon Frizzell, Orion and Avery Casavant, and Wesley and Delaney Mullins. She leaves behind three nieces, two nephews, cousins, and many fine friends and neighbors.

She was predeceased by her father, Eldon (1972), mother Mildred (1993), sister Jean (1992), and husband Grady (2004).

Her family asks that you remember her educational legacy with your memorial gifts for college scholarships either to the Mohawk Grange, c/o Yvonne Burrill, 12 Merrill Street, Colebrook, or to the Monadnock Congregational Church, c/o Eldonna Brooks, P.O. Box 307, Colebrook, NH.

Due to the present concerns of the COVID 19 virus, there are no calling hours. There will be a graveside service next spring in the Colebrook Village Cemetery with notice to be given. A Celebration of Eleanor's life will also be held at a later date.

A plaque over her kitchen hearth says it well: "Love Deeply, Listen Patiently, Forgive Freely."

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.

Cemetery Details

Colebrook Village Cemetery

North Main Street, U.S. Route 3
Colebrook, NH

Tribute Wall

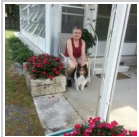
GE

“ To the family I send my condolences. Mrs. Lyons was a wonderful person and very willing to share her knowledge with everyone interested. I get a kick out of it to think how she and Mrs. Owen kept closed tabs on me because they saw potential in me and wanted to foster it. They would make a place for me (tending the typing room) supposedly to supervise students using it during down time. I would encourage them to chew gum and chit chat if they wanted knowing that Mrs. Owen had her eye on me. They were both there for me and were instrumental in starting me in a career. I laugh because I loved typing but hated bookkeeping and yet I have done both my whole life. Just goes to see the wisdom of those type people and I am thankful they were there for me.
Rest in Peace Mrs. Lyons. You worked hard and deserve peace.

God Bless

Georgie (Poulin)

Georgie - January 20, 2022 at 12:06 PM



“ My most sincere condolences to all of Elanor's family. She and I first met when I came to the Academy to teach accounting and shorthand among other things. I always admired her for the hard worker, no-nonsense good person that she was. I could always rely on her for good advice and for assistance when ever needed. She was a good role model and a wonderful person. Fondly.Patty Hart

Patty Hart - January 19, 2022 at 09:06 PM

SS

“ Mrs. Lyons was a wonderful teacher, and a warm, kind, friendly person. Heartfelt condolences to Bruce, Eldonna, Brent and the rest of her family.

Susan Sambito - January 18, 2022 at 07:26 PM

SG

“ My condolences to all the Lyons family, I enjoyed many family get togethers at the farm.
Eleanor was a excellent cook and always had the time to share her love with me.
She will be missed.
Bernie and Susan Gosselin

Susan Gosselin - January 17, 2022 at 05:27 PM

RR

“ My condolences to Mrs. Lyons's family and friends.
Her life provided many with skills that made our lives richer and more fulfilling. I was her student in typing class where we all got to learn to type on manual typewriters with the carriage return bell. She taught typing as a precise ballet where first position was asdf--jkl; One space between words, two spaces between sentences. TAB to start your paragraphs. Typing was a skill that made much of my work possible and enhanced my life as keyboarding became a general everyday requirement from engineering to social media.
Richard Raymond
CA 68

Richard Raymond - January 17, 2022 at 10:12 AM



“ Renee Cross lit a candle in memory of Eleanor C. Lyons



Renee Cross - January 17, 2022 at 07:50 AM

JF

“ When you approached her in class or in the old C.A. study hall, you could tell by her smiling eyes that she knew what you were going to ask or say before you even said it. But she would wait for you, patient and respectful, modeling perfectly the behavior she expected of (and received from) her students. Thank you for your many teachings and blessings, and many condolences to the family.

Jon Frizzell - January 17, 2022 at 06:25 AM

HH

“ Our deepest condolences go out to the family on your loss. I can remember Eleanor's classroom with the ticking of the typing going on in there. I also had the privilege getting to know her as a neighbor and through the grange. She will be missed by all who knew her.

Haven & Peggy Haynes - January 17, 2022 at 05:59 AM

DM

“ Eldonna, Bruce, Brent and families, My condolences of the loss of your mom. Thinking of you all in this difficult time.

Debbie Carrigan McGuire - January 16, 2022 at 09:14 PM

SH

“ My condolences. Mrs. Lyons was a wonderfully patient typing teacher who was very kind but firm. She wanted you to succeed and you felt it in her approval when you did. RIP

~Stephanie J. Hughes-Cross

Steph Hughes-Cross - January 16, 2022 at 08:52 PM



“ She was a powerful woman that has a spirit that lives on in hundreds and hundreds of people that all share your feelings of loss.

Kenn Stransky - January 16, 2022 at 07:52 PM



“ Kenn Stransky lit a candle in memory of Eleanor C. Lyons



Kenn Stransky - January 16, 2022 at 07:50 PM



“ I loved being in Chapter with Eleanor. To a life well lived and filled with love, Eleanor you will surely be missed! Janet Washburn

Janet Washburn - January 16, 2022 at 07:41 PM

CR

“ There are no words to express the value of a woman who led her life with such willing dedication to the good of others. She was my friend's Mom and became a special lady to me as she and Grady were gracious hosts to E.H. and I while we waited for the bus each day and as Eldonna and I had many fun sleep overs. Some folks you can count on, no matter what. She and Grady were just that ... their memory will always make me smile.

My sympathy to Eldonna, Bruce and Brent and their extended families.

Cindy Roy - January 16, 2022 at 06:06 PM

CB

“ Cindy & Robert Bissonnette lit a candle in memory of Eleanor C. Lyons



Cindy & Robert Bissonnette - January 16, 2022 at 05:57 PM

CI

So very sorry for your loss, what a wonderful person she was!

Cindy - January 16, 2022 at 05:58 PM



“ What a beautiful obituary. Eleanor was one of the North Country's true Icon. She taught and helped more people than anyone can count. She was such a support in my career endeavors. The neighborhood will not be the same without her. I will miss your wisdom love RIP Aunt Eleanor you are dancing with Grady in Heaven.

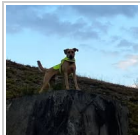
Mel and Dan

Melony Lyons - January 16, 2022 at 05:54 PM

DC

“ I have such fond memories of Mrs Lyons from business classes. And seeing her from time to time for years to come. I loved her. Such a beautiful and kind lady. I am so sorry for your loss. May she Rest In Peace. Love you Mrs Lyons.

Desna Crawford - January 16, 2022 at 05:39 PM



“ Audie Porter lit a candle in memory of Eleanor C. Lyons



Audie Porter - January 16, 2022 at 04:57 PM

KB

“ Buzzy and I are saddened by Elanors passing. Such a wonderful and devout hard work I g woman. She will be missed. Sincere condolences to everyone

Kim/ Jim Bennett - January 16, 2022 at 04:43 PM

DD

“ So sorry to hear this. My thoughts and prayers are with family and friends. I have known Mrs. Lyons most of my life. She was a great teacher. She will be greatly missed.

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DK

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the Lyons family. Mrs. Lyons was a wonderful teacher and I use my typing skills every day.

Donna Keazer - January 16, 2022 at 04:31 PM

LA

“ *Les Avery lit a candle in memory of Eleanor C. Lyons*



Les avery - January 16, 2022 at 04:24 PM

LA

“ *Les&Theresa Avery*



Les avery - January 16, 2022 at 04:23 PM

JC

“ *Jan Corliss lit a candle in memory of Eleanor C. Lyons*



Jan Corliss - January 16, 2022 at 04:18 PM

JC

My prayers are with all of the Lyons family. Mrs. Lyons was a fantastic teacher and role model.

Jan Corliss - January 16, 2022 at 04:20 PM

NP

“ I am going to miss my cousin. She always called me "coz" and told me she loved me. It was great to be able to visit her any time I came to Colebrook. Remember the day she and Grady were married on the lawn at Kowchickpoo (spelling?). However, I do remember one time when we were travelling in the car together and I was young and singing and she told me i was off key!!!

Blessings to all in this time of your grief and changes in life going forward.

Norma Phillips

Norma Phillips - January 15, 2022 at 02:25 PM

LT

“ Have know Eleanor for many years. So sorry for the loss. I went to visit a friend at the hospital and Eleanor was there. We had a good catch talk. Always pleasant.

Lillian(Forbes) Thibeault - January 15, 2022 at 12:15 PM

KO

“ My sympathy to the family. Mrs. Lyons was such an inspiration for anyone in her classes. She will be missed but definitely remembered by many.

Kathy Dobson St. Onge - January 15, 2022 at 10:01 AM

LB

“ Lyons Family,
So sorry to hear about Mrs. Lyons! She was one of the greatest teachers in my Academy times. She was truly a positive role model and adored all of her students. She use to tell me that I was definitely born with the gift to gab. I adored her so much. She always had kind words and patience with all of her students. She will be greatly missed! RIP, Mrs. Lyons! Heaven has gained another great angel!
Lisa, Michael, Katelyn & Nicholas Bouchard

Lisa Bouchard - January 15, 2022 at 09:49 AM



“ Mrs. Lyons was a wonderful teacher and especially kind memory for me attending the Congregational Church during my school years. She always comes to mind when passing her home on the way to Diamond Pond. My deepest condolences to the Lyons family for your loss. Eleanor will be missed.

Heather Hulse - January 15, 2022 at 09:04 AM

AR

“ My wonderful typing teacher at Colebrook Academy I'll never forget and certainly adored my entire life. Her kind hand at teaching us ALL for the gift we use! She also was from a farming back ground and had a great spirit about her, one of my forefront favorites I often thought about in my adulthood who impacted me with my typing gift. I'm happy she had a longer life while missing her passing. Rest peacefully in this event Mrs. Lyons!!

Arnold Rowe - January 15, 2022 at 04:44 AM

KF

“ *Kathly Moore Fontes lit a candle in memory of Eleanor C. Lyons*



Kathly Moore Fontes - January 14, 2022 at 05:24 PM

GJ

“ *I will always miss chatting with her before and after our Grange meetings - and the times I stopped by her home and visited. She was a wonderful lady and a much loved friend for many years. My son, Mike was sorry to hear she's gone, too.*

Ginger Jannenga

Ginger Jannenga - January 14, 2022 at 05:11 PM

BD

“ *Sending condolences to the Lyons family. I worked at the hospital when she volunteered there. and the grange. She was always proud of my programs for the community. Great lady, She will be missed.*

*Bonnie Day
Rochester NH*

Bonnie Day - January 14, 2022 at 04:52 PM

TB

“ *We are so very sorry for your loss....warm thoughts and prayers as you go through this difficult time.*

Tal & Maureen Blanchard - January 14, 2022 at 03:23 PM

TB

“ *Tal & Maureen Blanchard lit a candle in memory of Eleanor C. Lyons*



Tal & Maureen Blanchard - January 14, 2022 at 03:22 PM

RB

*Our deepest sympathy to the Lyons family. She is at peace with the Lord.
Linda and Ronald Beloin*

Ronnie and Linda Beloin - January 19, 2022 at 08:58 PM