



Elinor C. Gooch

December 3, 1928 - December 7, 2014

COLEBROOK – Elinor “Ellie” C. Gooch, 86, died peacefully at her home early on Sunday, Dec. 7, 2014, surrounded by her family and after a period of declining health.

Born in West Stewartstown on Dec. 3, 1928, she was the daughter of the late George and Leila (Jameson) Currier. Ellie was a 1946 graduate of the Northfield School for Girls and 1950 graduate of UNH. She was married to Robert Gooch, Sr. on Nov. 25, 1950.

Ellie and Robert purchased Hill’s Dept. Store in 1965 and operated it until 1990 when they sold the store to their son, George. No one loved living in Colebrook more than Ellie, and she loved her north country friends. She was active in the Colebrook Historical Society and was a former cemetery trustee and library trustee for the town. She and Robert also operated North Country Auction Service with Rick and Ginny Stickney for many years. Ellie liked to go fishing in her younger days, and for many years she was a regular member of the “Hardy Girls,” a renowned group of local ladies who would take to the trails every winter Thursday and enjoyed snowmobiling throughout the region.

Ellie leaves behind her two sons, George Gooch and wife Nancy of Colebrook, and Robert Gooch, Jr. and wife Ann Marie of Columbia; five grandchildren, John Gooch and his wife Ester of Highlands, N.C., Sara Gooch

of Cape Elizabeth, Me., Bill Gooch of Hooksett, NH, Bobby Gooch of Boston, Mass., and Brian Gooch of New London, Conn.; two great-grandchildren, Francisco and Valentina Gooch; and her sister, Virginia Stickney of West Stewartstown.

She is preceded in death her beloved husband of 54 years, Bob, in 2004, and a sister, Priscilla "Nan" Hilfrank.

There will be no public calling hours. A graveside service will be held in the spring of which notice will be given.

Expressions of sympathy in memory of Mrs. Gooch may be made to the Monadnock Congregational Church, c/o 24 Parsons St., Colebrook, NH 03576.

Condolences may be offered to the family on-line by going to 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

Tribute Wall



“ Garden Accent Stone - *"Wherever a Beautiful Soul..."* was purchased for the family of Elinor C. Gooch.



January 23, 2015 at 08:13 AM



“ Louise Roy lit a candle in memory of Elinor C. Gooch



louise roy - December 20, 2014 at 08:21 PM



“ George and Rob,

Please accept our sincere condolences on the loss of your mom. We have many fond memories of both your mom and dad - time at your place on Wallace Pond, working auctions, etc. She was a wonderful woman and will be sorely missed.

Steve & Sherry Young

Steve Young - December 19, 2014 at 08:51 AM

CH

“ Our deepest sympathy to George and Rob and their families as you morn the loss of your Mother. She was in the category of "Quite a Gal". Always interested in your perspective and outlook on life she was a listener and an easy person to converse with in any environment. She and your Dad, were Home Town Proud before it was "cool". They provided a family atmosphere to shop and enjoy the neighborhood. My favorite time of year to visit Hill's Department Store was Christmas when they had those wonderful holiday banners stretched across the room. It is a sad day as we loose yet another substantial member of our Colebrook town. We are always pleased still to visit Hills as George and family keep their spirit of good will and neighborly ways alive and well. Please know we share your loss yet know only you know the true depth of how wonderful your Mom was and will remain in your hearts.

Cindy and Skip

Cindy Roy Hood - December 14, 2014 at 05:57 PM

WB

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the Gooch family. Your Mother would ask about our Golden when she would see us around town. We shared all our special stories with her about our dogs. What a very special lady.

Wayne and Leta Brown

Wayne and Leta Brown - December 14, 2014 at 05:31 PM

CB

“ *Cindy Brigham lit a candle in memory of Elinor C. Gooch*



Cindy Brigham - December 14, 2014 at 12:18 AM

FL

“ *I have fond memories of Ellie and her wonderful family. I enjoyed shopping at the family store and especially seeing their support of my favorite NY Yankees in the store window!!! Rest in peace and it was an honor to have known you and your lovely family!*

Sincerely, Fatima Polo Laperle

Fatima Polo Laperle - December 12, 2014 at 08:24 PM

MJ

“ *We have many fond memories of Ellie. She was a wonderful person and a great art appreciator! She'll be missed. Sending our heartfelt condolences to the entire family.*

Michele and Rick Johnsen

Michele Johnsen - December 12, 2014 at 06:48 PM

BW

“ *Bill & Pauline Weir lit a candle in memory of Elinor C. Gooch*



Bill & Pauline Weir - December 12, 2014 at 06:30 PM

ME

“ Sending my sincere condolences at your time of loss. I have a wonderful memory of a recent visit with Ellie when she attended a Lemington Historical Society presentation about the Bluebird. She shared memories of her family and the store in West Stewartstown. Also, there is a journal kept by the Hardy Girls and I would be happy to share it with you. Just let me know. Yours, Myra Ellingwood and family

Myra Ellingwood - December 10, 2014 at 02:51 PM

CH

Myra
In Memory of those Hardy Girls, some of whom are still with us, including my Mom, Millie Roy and Peanut Lyons for example, we would love to have a copy of that journal or the opportunity to view it. In reality, those women were well named for their adventurous nature during the good ole days of snowmobiling. Those who have now passed that were part of that illustrious group are fondly remembered. Thank you for your notation of the Hardy Girls to illustrate the depth of women like Eli. They are truly an example for the woman of today.
Cindy Hood

Cindy Roy Hood - December 14, 2014 at 05:47 PM

BK

“ Brenda Klebe lit a candle in memory of Elinor C. Gooch



Brenda Klebe - December 10, 2014 at 08:37 AM

BP

“ *Brendan & Monica Prusik lit a candle in memory of Elinor C. Gooch*



Brendan & Monica Prusik - December 10, 2014 at 07:55 AM

RN

“ *My sincere condolences to your family for your recent loss.*
Bob Noyes

Robert Noyes - December 10, 2014 at 05:13 AM

DC

“ *My sincere sympathy to your family. She was such a nice lady and so pretty. thinking of you all in these difficult time.* *Denise Carrier*

Denise Carrier - December 09, 2014 at 07:57 PM

BD

“ *Thinking of you all at this time. The loss of another Hardy girl this year. I remember they would all check in at the farm before heading out and making sure they were all set for a fun day of skidooring. God Bless you all*



Barbara and Joe Daley - December 09, 2014 at 03:30 PM

MS

“ *what a wonderful women Ellie was, I really enjoyed taking care of her these past few months, she had a great sense of humor! I will now take care of her dog prince until he decides to go to rainbow bridge and meet Ellie again...Rest easy.....*

Melissa Smith - December 09, 2014 at 03:05 PM

FC

“ *All our condolences to all the family of Ellie. Specially to her son George and his wife Nancy.*

Francine & Andre Champagne - December 09, 2014 at 02:33 PM

JL

“ *So sorry for the loss of your Mom. She was a very special person, as was your Dad. They are together again.*

Jean and Moody Ladd

jean Ladd - December 09, 2014 at 12:54 PM

GJ

“ *My thoughts and prayers for the Gooch family at this time of loss.*

Ginger Jannenga

Ginger Jannenga - December 09, 2014 at 03:56 AM

KL

“ *Kim & Dan Lynch lit a candle in memory of Elinor C. Gooch*



Kim & Dan Lynch - December 09, 2014 at 02:52 AM

HH

“ *Our condolences go out to the family on your loss.*

Haven & Peggy Haynes - December 08, 2014 at 10:40 PM

KA

“ KATHY lit a candle in memory of Elinor C. Gooch



KATHY - December 08, 2014 at 08:36 PM

SM

“ So sorry for your loss. She will be missed.

Sue Miller - December 08, 2014 at 05:44 PM

MT

“ Your mom was a wonderful person and always a pleasure to run into around town. She was a faithful supporter of all of Colebrook sports and other school activities and she will be missed by many. We hold you all in our thoughts and prayers. Mary and Buddy

Mary Trask - December 08, 2014 at 05:27 PM

KB

“ Keith And Billie Brockney lit a candle in memory of Elinor C. Gooch



Keith and Billie Brockney - December 08, 2014 at 05:03 PM

LC

“ So sorry for the loss of your Mom. She is with your Dad now and I bet they are listening to that music your Mom played at your Dad's service. Linda Clogston.



Linda Clogston - December 08, 2014 at 04:59 PM

RA

“ Rosey And Al lit a candle in memory of Elinor C. Gooch



Rosey and Al - December 08, 2014 at 11:58 AM

SB

“ George and family Sorry for your loss of your Mother. Ellie was very nice to Sam and me. She will be missed. Sam and Joan Bird

Samuel and Joan Bird - December 08, 2014 at 11:04 AM

PH

“ George, Rob and family, Your mother was such a wonderful person. We had so much fun doing the oral histories of many of Colebrook's finest. Now it is her turn as she contributed so much to the town. When Ellsworth Bunnell did his "Walk around Colebrook" Ellie took the VCR tapes and transferred them to cassette tapes so I could transcribe them. (This was a very time consuming job.) She even ran the recorder for me so my job would be easier. She will be sorely missed by many. My heart is broken. You are in our thoughts and prayers. God bless, Patty and Roland Hart

Patty Hart - December 08, 2014 at 10:29 AM

TT

“ *Our deepest sympathies for the loss of your mother (Grandmother). She was a wonderful, caring woman who always had a smile to offer. Our prayers are being said you her and her loved ones.*
Tammy and Raymond Thivierge

Tammy Thivierge - December 08, 2014 at 09:31 AM

BB

“ *Bonnie & Roger Brousseau lit a candle in memory of Elinor C. Gooch*



Bonnie & Roger Brousseau - December 08, 2014 at 08:42 AM

BV

“ *Our sincere condolences to all of the family.*
Bob and Lisa Vashaw

Bob and Lisa Vashaw - December 08, 2014 at 08:18 AM

PC

“ *Phil & Jan Corliss lit a candle in memory of Elinor C. Gooch*



Phil & Jan Corliss - December 08, 2014 at 08:07 AM