



Elseia L. Richards

February 2, 1932 - June 17, 2014

WEST STEWARTSTOWN — Elseia L. Richards, 82, of West Stewartstown, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, June 17, 2014, at the Coös County Nursing Hospital.

Elseia was born in Colebrook on Feb. 2, 1932, the daughter of Wesley and Ethel (Hall) Shallow. She attended schools in Colebrook and was a 1951 graduate of Colebrook Academy.

For many years, while also working the family farm, Elseia worked at the Beecher Falls Division of Ethan Allen, and she was also a well-known local waitress at different restaurants. With her sisters, she was a founder of the local “Christmas Council.” She was a leader of the TOPS (“Take Off Pounds Sensibly”), and traveled to many national meetings over the years. Elseia was also an avid reader, but her greatest joy was spending time with her family, especially the little ones.

She is survived by her children, Wayne Chapple and wife Paula of Winterhaven, Fla., Gail Watson and husband Jim of Rexford, NY, and Peter Chapple of Stewartstown; her step-children, Paula Reynolds and husband Vern of Columbia, NH, Earl Richards of Sebago, Me., Craig Richards and wife Elizabeth of Colebrook, Dennis Richards and wife Lisa of Candia, NH, Colleen Richards of Derry, NH, Sher Callanan and husband Andy of Manchester, NH,

and Josh Richards of Stewartstown; her sister, Thelma Daley of Colebrook; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Elseia is preceded in death by her husband of 37 years, Roland "Dick" Richards in 2012; her first husband, John R. Chapple in 1976; a sister, Janet Klebe; a brother, Wesley Shallow; a step-son, Terry Richards; as well as two children in infancy.

There are no public calling hours at her request. A memorial service will take place at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Colebrook on Saturday, Aug. 2, 2014, at 11 a.m. Interment will immediately follow at the Colebrook Village Cemetery.

Expressions of sympathy in memory of Elseia may be made to the 45th Parallel EMS, c/o Chief R. Darling, 46 Ramsey Road, 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.

Cemetery Details

Colebrook Village Cemetery

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

Tribute Wall



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Elseia L. Richards.*



August 09, 2014 at 12:22 PM



“ *So sad, So sorry to hear the sad news and sorry for the loss. She was a nice lady. I remember her and her sisters well. RIP*

Jane Dustin - August 04, 2014 at 08:33 PM



“ *You can be sure that God will provide you with the comfort you need at this point in life. Psalms 145:16 learn more at www.jw.org*

Michael Marbury - July 09, 2014 at 04:44 PM



“ *My sincere and deepest sympathy to the families of Elseia <3<3<3....Bernie Carrier*

BERNARD CARRIER - June 25, 2014 at 06:11 PM

JF

“ Please accept our deepest sympathy. May those precious memories be foremost in your hearts and minds during this difficult time.
(Isaiah 25:8)

Jackson Family - June 22, 2014 at 08:06 AM

JB

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. She was a wonderful lady with a great sense of humor. I loved visiting her and Dick and listening to their stories.

Judy Hunt Budge - June 20, 2014 at 07:26 AM

RS

“ Wayne & Paula, I'm so sorry to hear about your mother. She was one great lady. My prayers are with you and your family. Rosie
(Rosalie Sweatt)

Rosalie Sweatt - June 19, 2014 at 04:27 PM

TS

“ Gail and family,

I was so sorry to hear of the loss of your mom. She will be forever and your heart. You know now that her pain is gone and she is at peace.

Terri Stackman

Terri Stackman - June 19, 2014 at 03:13 PM

DI

You will always be remembered with kind and loving thoughts aunt Al.

Dannielle Ivey - August 01, 2014 at 09:02 AM

BH

“ We are sorry to learn of Elseia's passing. She rode to work with us for quite a period of time. She was always smiling and quite the jokester. But, if she had something to say, she said it too. We admired those qualities in her. Rest in peace Elseia. You've earned it.

Brad & Barbara Hann

Brad & Barbara Hann - June 19, 2014 at 09:51 AM

HH

“ Our deepest condolences to the Richards family on your loss.

Haven & Peggy Haynes - June 18, 2014 at 11:38 PM

TT

“ We are so sad to hear of your loss. Elseia was good friends with my mother, Jane. May God help see you your pain.
Tammy and Raymond Thivierge

Tammy Thivierge - June 18, 2014 at 10:40 PM

CB

“ Gail and family
so sorry to hear of the passing of your mom. I hope that knowing that she is in her final journey home with our father and your precious memories bring you peace.
Cindy Brigham



Cindy Brigham - June 18, 2014 at 10:00 PM

JM

“ Wayne - Our condolences.
John and Sue Morrissey

John Morrissey - June 18, 2014 at 08:22 PM

BC

“ To the Family of Elseia
What a great lady, one I will never forget, how we laugh together, and just a few weeks ago, I was with her, and had such a great time. She is for sure my Inspiration, she has given me courage, just can't believe she is gone. what a great Mom, Grandmother, and Great Grandmother. How she Love you all Our prayers are with you all, and will be in our Hearth forever, and that great smile.
Our Deepest Sympathy
Love
Brendon and Carmen



Brendon and Carmen - June 18, 2014 at 05:42 PM

BB

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all now as you begin to move forward. She was truly one of the golden gals, have wonderful memories of such a lovely lady.

Becky (Laramie) Borry - June 18, 2014 at 04:28 PM

BB

Becky (Laramie) Borry

Becky (Laramie) Borry - June 18, 2014 at 04:30 PM

TD

“ Dear Gail and family - we are all so sorry to hear of your loss here at TBC. We send our sincere condolences and hope all of your wonderful friends, family and loved ones can help comfort you in this time of sorrow.

Traci and friends at TBC

Traci Daoust - June 18, 2014 at 03:41 PM

SP

“ Aimee, Vic, and family, So very sorry for your loss. Really enjoyed being around your grandmother. She had a wonderful smile and personality!!!! Out thoughts are with all of you! Love, Manny and Sharon,, Ma and Dad, Pappy and Nannie

sharon poulin - June 18, 2014 at 03:15 PM

DC

“ Wayne, Gail, Pete, Paula, Earl, Craig, Dennis, Colleen, Sher, Josh and families,

Words can't express the loss our familiy is feeling. We are praying that you all will find the strength to get through these next days. Aunt Elsiea was a strong-willed, determined, wonderful lady who never let ANYTHING get her down! She was an inspiration to us all! We will ALWAYS remember her smiling face, her quick wit, her gentle, loving way and her skilled dancing feet! I'm sure she is celebrating with all our family that welcomed her into the kingdom of heaven! Rest in peace until we all will be together again sweet Aunt A!!! Love Always! Mark, Darlene, Jaime, Chris and families

Darlene Cote - June 18, 2014 at 01:52 PM

DB

“ Wayne and Paula & all the family
Our thoughts are with you all. She always had such a welcoming
smile. She was a great person.
Normand & Debbie

Debbie Boivin - June 18, 2014 at 12:01 PM

BK

“ Aunt El was a strong and courageous woman. She always
managed to bring a smile to your face even on her painful days. I
love this woman and will always remember her smiling face. God
speed! Her and the family will be in my thoughts and prayers. RIP
Aunt E!!!

Brenda Klebe - June 18, 2014 at 11:46 AM

RH

*Our Deepest sympathies to Elseia's family and all those who were
fortunate enough to have known her. A wonderful woman who will
always be fondly remembered. She reminded me of my mother. One of
a kind.*

You are all in our thoughts and prayers,

Dick and Joni

Richard and Joni Hicks - June 18, 2014 at 06:20 PM