



Estella M. Edwards

January 15, 1947 - August 26, 2025

COLEBROOK – Estella ‘Stella’ M. Edwards, 78, of Colebrook, died peacefully at her home on Tuesday, Aug. 26, 2025, with her husband at her side and after a prolonged period of declining health.

She was born in W. Stewartstown on Jan. 15, 1947, a daughter to the late Wendell and Marjorie (Drew) Haynes. Stella attended local schools and was a 1965 graduate of Colebrook Academy with 3rd honors in her class. She married Berkley Edwards right out of high school and they began to raise their family.

For a few years while her children were young, Stella was a dedicated homemaker and mother, also taking in other children to look after. She also worked for a time at the First National Bank. But she will be remembered by generations of local students as the matriarch of Colebrook Academy where she worked as the secretary to the principal for 38 years, and from which she retired in 2017.

Stella was also an accomplished quilter, and more than 100 quilts were given by her as gifts to her former students, all of which now have great value to them. She was a wonderful cook, and she loved to be at the family camp on Diamond Pond. Stella’s greatest treasure was her family and her faith. She will be lovingly remembered by all who knew and loved her.

She is survived by her husband of 61 years, Berkley Edwards of Colebrook; her three children, Kathy (Peter) Hammen of Chichester, N.H., Kevin (Doris) Edwards of Summerfield, N.C., and Kimberly (Mark) Durgin of Rumney, N.H.; her extended family as close as her own children to her, Sandra Adams of Colebrook, Patricia (Calvin) Cross of Stark, N.H., and Thony Haynes of Colebrook and his two daughters, Kianna and Caitlin of Las Vegas, NV; 3 grandchildren, Brianna (Jed) Aubertin, Benjamin (Katharine) Durgin, and Lydia Cross; two great-grandchildren, Paisley and Raegan; and a brother, Haven (Elaine) Haynes, Sr., of Colebrook; as well as nieces, nephews and cousins.

She is predeceased by a brother, R. Keith Haynes in 1972.

Calling hours will be held on Thursday, Sept. 4, 2025, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home in Colebrook, with a graveside service the next morning, Fri., Sept. 5, at 11 a.m. in the Colebrook Village Cemetery. A reception will follow in the fellowship hall of the Monadnock Congregational Church in Colebrook.

Expressions of sympathy in memory of Stella may be made to the North Country Home Health & Hospice, 536 Cottage St., Littleton, NH 03561; or to the Colebrook Booster Club, P.O. Box 352, Colebrook, NH 03576.

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 in Colebrook.

Cemetery Details

Colebrook Village Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 4. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home
103 Main Street
Colebrook, NH 03576
(603) 237-4311
info@jenkinsnewman.com

Graveside Service

SEP 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall

MJ

“ *What a wonderful caring person she was her legacy will be the children that she left behind. We’re going to miss you. Rest in heaven.*

Mark Jones - September 08, 2025 at 05:11 PM

DE

“ *Berkley and family, So sorry for your loss. Stella was always smiling, with a positive outlook. She will be missed. Dennis & Marjolaine Rainville*

Dennis - September 06, 2025 at 09:45 AM

CR

“ *Time just disappears as we live and laugh and work. All too soon we lose the ones we love. With deepest sympathy to you and your extended family.*

Cindy Roy - September 04, 2025 at 11:52 AM

LK

“ *We were sorry to learn of Stella's passing. Her smile and positive nature will be missed by everyone who knew her. Condolences to Berkly and her family.*

Pat and Les Klinefelter

Leslie Klinefelter - September 03, 2025 at 09:14 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Estella M. Edwards.*



September 02, 2025 at 02:24 PM



“ *Berkley and Family*

Words cannot express how I feel about the loss of Stella. She was very special to me. She touched so many lives. Stella was the pride of Colebrook Academy and she was always proud to be a Colebrook Mohawk.

Joanne Melanson - August 31, 2025 at 06:15 PM



“ *Love, Joanne Melanson purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Estella M. Edwards.*



Love, Joanne Melanson - August 31, 2025 at 06:04 PM



“ *Berk,*

So sorry to hear of Stella's passing. I always enjoyed talking to her at the many PSNH gatherings we had.

Valerie Benson

Valerie Benson - August 30, 2025 at 08:36 AM

JB

“ Berk, I am so sorry for your loss and my deepest condolences to you and your family. I always thought Stella was a wonderful person and I enjoyed running into her every little while. When my niece was in high school and something came up she wanted to do, I always called Stella. After a short chat, she always helped me accomplish what needed doing.



Judy Hunt Budge - August 29, 2025 at 11:36 AM

BJ

“ Bruce- So sorry for your Loss. I do remember you because what a fun loving guy always with a smile Life sure goes by fast. At 84 from the shoulders up its a lost cause. I live with what I got. Keep your chin up its a one day fight and and as my farther would say DO GOOD. All ways Brian Jenkins

Brian Jenkins - August 28, 2025 at 03:07 PM

KO

“ Some of my favorite memories from CA were going into the office and being greeted by Stella. We all loved her. My condolences to the family.

Karen O'Neil-Roy - August 28, 2025 at 01:43 PM

DC

“ Our sincere condolences to the Berk and the entire Edwards family.

Dennis & Pam Couture - August 28, 2025 at 10:19 AM

BD

“ My deepest sympathy to Berkeley and family.

Bill Demers - August 28, 2025 at 10:00 AM

VW

“ *Veronica (Bacon) Wilder lit a candle in memory of Estella M. Edwards*



Veronica (Bacon) Wilder - August 28, 2025 at 09:01 AM

JC

“ *Jan Corliss lit a candle in memory of Estella M. Edwards*



jan Corliss - August 28, 2025 at 08:56 AM

CC

“ *Calvin Crawford lit a candle in memory of Estella M. Edwards*



Calvin Crawford - August 28, 2025 at 08:46 AM

CF

“ *Cassandra and Jason Sweatt and family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Estella M. Edwards.*



Cassandra and Jason Sweatt and family - August 28, 2025 at 08:02 AM

CF

“ Cassandra and Jason Sweatt and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Estella M. Edwards.

Cassandra and Jason Sweatt and family - August 28, 2025 at 08:02 AM

BL

“ My deepest sympathy to Berkeley and family. Stella was an amazing woman, always had a smile, a great cook and very generous with her time. She will be missed by many. Happy that I knew her and did spend some time with her.

Bonnie Lambert - August 27, 2025 at 08:28 PM

DD

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I have very fond memories of Stella working in the office in high school. May she rest in heavenly peace. Love Deanna (Crawford) Donovan

Deanna Donovan - August 27, 2025 at 08:25 PM

BB

“ Berkley & family... our thoughts are with all of you as you grieve. May you find peace. God bless.

Ben Burns & family.
Georgia, VT.

Benjamin S Burns - August 27, 2025 at 08:20 PM

MJ

“ So many good memories of Stella! Captain of Colebrook Academy. She was always supportive and helpful and had everything under control.

Michele Johnsen - August 27, 2025 at 06:40 PM

CC

“ So sorry for the family's loss--Stella was one of the best

Carey Clark - August 27, 2025 at 06:36 PM

KO

“ My deepest condolences to Berkley and his kids. My parents were friends of theirs so I have many fond memories of doing family visits when we were younger. I then had the privilege of working with her in the office of Colebrook Academy. She always was smiling and made you feel welcome. Sorry for her loss.

Kathy Dobson St. Onge - August 27, 2025 at 06:31 PM

CL

I am so sad to hear of her passing. I sent my deepest condolences to you, Berk and your family. I remember so many happy times as teenagers and we always picked up right where we left off every time we saw each other. I am so happy I got to go visit with her in June. Her smile would just light up a room. Know that I am thinking of you and I will be in touch. May my dear friend rest in peace. Love, Cookie

Cookie Lambert - August 27, 2025 at 08:59 PM

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Cookie Lambert - August 27, 2025 at 09:02 PM

DF

“ Stella was definitely the matriarch of Colebrook Academy. She always had a smile on her face and went over and above to help all students. I am so glad I had the opportunity to work with and know Stella. She was a terrific woman! My condolences to her family. 🙏

Diane Fisher - August 27, 2025 at 06:25 PM



“ My heart goes out to Berkley and all of the family! Stell was a loving giving person who I was so pleased to know! She made CA a great place to work!



Janet Hart - August 27, 2025 at 06:19 PM

LM

“ Our most heartfelt condolences to Berkley and the Edwards family. Stella was a wonderful lady. May the Lord comfort you all during this time of profound sadness.
Love, Jim and Lori (Parkhurst) MacDonald
Currently of Franklin NH

Lori MacDonald - August 27, 2025 at 06:02 PM

CP

“ Stella was one of the sweetest women I have ever met. From the racetrack to gatherings with friends, she always had a welcoming smile and hug. When our daughter was born, she presented us with a handmade quilt for Maddi that we will cherish forever. She was an amazing woman and we will miss her dearly. Thinking of Berkeley and family during this difficult time. Until we meet again, rest in peace Stella.

Chris and Renee Powers - August 27, 2025 at 06:00 PM

GL

“ So very sorry for your loss!

Gilles & Priscilla Lambert - August 27, 2025 at 05:33 PM

ME

“ My heart is heavy as I process Stella's passing. I remember she and Berk leading the grand march at Reggie's CA Junior prom held at the old Colebrook town hall. Those two could really cut a rug!!! Sending love and sincere condolences to all, Myra Daley Ellingwood 🙏❤️

Myra Ellingwood - August 27, 2025 at 05:25 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Stella's passing. My condolences to the family. She was a great person.

Linda Lamont - August 27, 2025 at 05:20 PM

DL

“ We send our condolences and love to her family. May she be at peace.
Alan & Diane Little

Diane Little - August 27, 2025 at 05:00 PM

ST

“ Our condolences and heartfelt sympathy to Stella's family. She will be sadly missed.
Bradley and Stephanie (Hughes) Cross

Steph - August 27, 2025 at 04:45 PM

PW

Sincere condolences to all the families 🌸🙏

Pauline Weir - August 27, 2025 at 05:14 PM

RB

*Berkley and Family;
We are so sorry to of Stella's passing. She was a very nice and kind lady.
May she Rest in Peace.
Ron and Linda Beloin*

Ron and Linda Beloin - August 27, 2025 at 09:29 PM



Stella was always a highlight of my days working at Colebrook Academy. Our condolences to all of the family. Kevin F. and Jane McKinnon

Jane McKinnon - August 27, 2025 at 10:40 PM