



Florence "Flossie" Holden

August 3, 1930 - January 29, 2009

GOFFSTOWN, NEW HAMPSHIRE – Florence “Flossie” Holden, 78, of Goffstown, New Hampshire, formerly of Colebrook, New Hampshire, passed away Thursday, January 29, 2009, at the Elliot Hospital in Manchester.

Flossie was born on August 3, 1930, in Groveton, NH, a daughter of Luger and Mildred (Bowen) Morin.

Flossie was raised in Colebrook and for a period of time lived at the Munn Farm in Colebrook. She often spoke of her difficult childhood, but the way in which she lived her life and her commitment to family served as a testament to her ability to overcome adversity. She worked at a young age, cleaning homes and cabins in Colebrook and Pittsburg. She also worked at Tillotson Rubber Company for a number of years. When living in Colebrook, she loved spending time with her friends and enjoyed “partying” at the Wilderness Restaurant. After moving to Milford, NH, she enjoyed living at The Mill apartment building where she made many wonderful friends. Her many interests included cooking, crocheting, and caring for animals. She will be fondly remembered as a wonderful mother and grandmother who adored her family.

Flossie is survived by her son, Edwin “Butch” Purrington and wife, Diana, of Colebrook, NH; four daughters, Judith Brooks and Herbert of Sanbornville, NH, Jean Rouillard and husband, Richard, of Auburn, ME, Marie J. Roby and husband, Earl, of Manchester, NH, and Lana Brooks and husband, Earl, of Canterbury, NH; a sister, Emma Ainsworth of Concord, NH; eight grandchildren, Paula Roby Palmer, Tiffany Derosier, Christopher Sweatt, Gabrielle Roby Swanick, Jacob Sweatt, Jerome Roby, Matthew Rainville and Kelsey Harriman; fourteen great-grandchildren, Konner, Peyton, Keeley, Raenor, Levi, Austin, Shelby, Taylor, Cody, Bella, Lydia, Victoria, Philip and Beau; one great-great grandson, Lennox; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Flossie is preceded in death by her parents and several brothers and sisters.

At Flossie's request there will be no calling hours or services.

Expressions of sympathy in Flossie's memory may be made to the North Country Humane Society, c/o Joan Shatney, Pleasant Street, Colebrook, NH, 03576, or to make a child happy, one can contribute to the Make-A-Wish Foundation of America, Gift Processing Center, P.O. Box 29119, Phoenix, Arizona 85038-9119.

Tribute Wall



“ Flossie was one of my mothers best friends and a gift in my mothers life. When times were hard Flossie always made it easier just by the laughter and love she brought. I bet they are having a wonderful laugh right now where ever they are.##imported-begin##Rosa (Hamel) olsen##imported-end##

February 15, 2009 at 01:16 PM



“ Ole Flossy, what a wonderful lady, always laughing, loving and giving. I am so sorry for your loss, because Flossy surely will be missed. She is probably making everyone laugh where she is now. Take care I miss and am thinking of all of your Paula, Gabe, Jerome, Marie and Buddy, also the rest of Flossy's family. God Bless.##imported-begin##Corina Parker##imported-end##

February 10, 2009 at 09:02 AM



“ To all of Flossie"s family,

We were so sad to hear of the loss of your Mom. Dick and I have warm memories of our visits with Flossie. She was always fun to be around. Please accept our condolences.

Dick and Joni Hicks

Judy, I would love to hear from you.

Joni##imported-begin##Richard and Joni Hicks##imported-end##

February 09, 2009 at 12:56 PM



“ Dear Lana and your family,
When my brother told me of your loss, it brought back so many memories and smiles.

You are still in my thoughts today and your mom was one of the best women I ever knew. Her laugh is still remembered as well as her love for her children. You were all very important to me in my life growing up whether you ever realized it or not. Each of you has left special thoughts and smiles in my heart.

I just want you to know my thoughts and prayers are with you during your loss. You were all so very lucky to have Flossie. She was so special.

Love,

Ann###imported-begin##Ann Ouellet Gallagher###imported-end##

February 07, 2009 at 06:56 PM



“ Hi every one. So sorry to hear of your loss. Aunt Flossie was a great lady she will be sadly missed. My thoughts and prayers go out to all of you. Big hug !!! Love Mary###imported-begin##Mary (Brooks) Skinner###imported-end##

February 07, 2009 at 12:31 PM



“ My condolences to the family on the passing of Flossie. I lived in the same building as her for years on pleasant street and enjoyed chatting with her. Flossie was a charactor that touched everyone around her. I remember one morning I went to start up the old truck I was running and she invited me in for coffee. I went in and after the coffee I went to my apartment to get something and when I came back in she asked me what I was doing there because she had seen my truck drive out of the yard. It weren't me and when I went out it had shifted itself into gear and drove itself out of the yard. It had driven into the snowbank and sat there. Flossie said that I wondered why you were out of sight when it went by and she didn't have her glasses on that day. That is one of many fun times I remember Flossie with.###imported-begin##Haven L. Haynes Jr.###imported-end##

February 06, 2009 at 09:49 PM



“ To my mother,
Thank you for always being in my life. You will forever shine in my heart and soul. You always loved everyone you met never passing judgement on them or their faults. That is a rare gift barely known to mankind. God has a very special place in his flower garden for you to grow where he can always see your beauty. I will try with all my might to remember all the good times and not to be saddened that you have gone, for I know that you are at peace with Jesus and the Angels in Heaven. Lovingly thoughts always, your daughter Lana.##imported-begin##Your daughter Lana##imported-end##

February 06, 2009 at 01:39 PM



“ Thank you all for all the kind things you said about my mom. She was all that and more. She is looking down on all of you and thanking you for all the memories you gave her. She was my mom and my best friend. I remember all the walks we took every day and all the times we went fishing. All the times she made me supper, and help me raise my kids. She was like a mom to them to. She never judge me. She was Quite the game player But I could go on, on. I will miss my best friend and my mom. Love you mom##imported-begin##Marie Roby##imported-end##

February 05, 2009 at 05:39 PM



“ Thank you everyone for your support and loving words about my one of a kind Grambo. She was so fun and so full of life and she partied till the end. She was a very strong person and i hope that in me i carry that traight. Everyone have a Drink on Grambo and non morn her death but remember her life! We love you!##imported-begin##Kelsey Harriman##imported-end##

February 04, 2009 at 07:28 PM



“ I was sadden of the passing of flossie and my thoughts and prayers are with you Marie and your family. Flossie was a great person who lived life the way it should be always happy , laughing and no problem to say what was on her mind. I hadn't seen her in a few years but never forgot the great laughs we shared. I say this with a laugh, I asked my husband if he knew her he said no I don't think so they I said You never went done under and he started to smile and said now I remember. She will be missed but always remembered. Tracy##imported-begin##Tracy Owen (Hartwell)##imported-end##

February 04, 2009 at 06:55 PM



“ so sorry to hear about your mom. i will always remember the good times we had uo to the camp and over on north hill. she was a very nice lady and had a heart of gold. i will never forget the nick name she gave me. she always called me smitty. i will always have so fond of memories fo my favorite aunt flossie i love you all take care arnold my phone number is 246-7029###imported-begin###arnold I. brooks###imported-end###

February 04, 2009 at 05:31 PM



“ I was very sorry to read about Flossie's passing. I will never forget working with her at Tillotson or spending time with her after work. I hadn't seen her in a long time but will always remember her.###imported-begin###Debbie (Rainville) Mardin###imported-end###

February 04, 2009 at 08:57 AM



“ I would like to thank everyone for the wonderful thoughts and prayers that you have extended to our family at this difficult time. My mother was a wonderful and caring person and will be surely missed by her children, grandchildren and friends. She is surely in Heaven. Thank you all once again.###imported-begin###Judy###imported-end###

February 04, 2009 at 07:54 AM



“ Sorry to hear about your mom, our prayers are with all of you.###imported-begin###Tony and Beverly Imondi###imported-end###

February 03, 2009 at 06:55 PM



“ I would like to say how much im going miss you, i loved you so much Grambo. I hope your happy.I will never stop remembering all the good times we had at your apartment, especially the sippy cups....haha dont even get me started. We will all miss you very much, dont think for a second we will forget. And when i grow up and get married and have kids i hope your up there watching. I love you###imported-begin###Raenor Lakin###imported-end###

February 03, 2009 at 04:10 PM



“ So, here’s looking at you Floss... A friend to all that knew her and a living testament to the innate good in all of us. A fun-loving, hard working, berry picking, dandelion digging, cribbage playing, sweetheart of a woman. My deepest condolences go out to her family and to those who knew her best. Not wanting to stop there, I’ll extend my compassion to include those who had not the chance to know her; you’ll never know what you missed... To compose a proper tribute- the capacity I have not... I’ll leave it up to the poet Walt Whitman to carry us home, so to speak...

*‘I depart as air, I shake my white
locks at the runaway sun,*

*I bequeath myself to the dirt to
grow from the grass I love,*

*Failing to fetch me at first keep
encouraged,*

Missing me one place search another,

I stop somewhere waiting for you.’##imported-begin##Bobbi##imported-end##

February 03, 2009 at 01:51 PM



“ I am sad about my Grammy, but she was awesome. She always made me dresses for every fourth of July and a few Halloween costumes. I miss going to her apartment and arguing over what sippy cup to use with my cousin and eating pudding. I Love you Grammy and i know your in Heaven watching over me.

*Love always your Gerber Baby Shelby##imported-begin##Shelby
Swanick##imported-end##*

February 02, 2009 at 07:45 PM



“ To all of you. So sorry to hear of your mother's and my aunt's passing. She was a good person and an extremely hard worker. And she enjoyed life. I have fond memories of her and your memories will get you through this time. God bless.##imported-begin##Barbara & Bradley##imported-end##

February 02, 2009 at 11:37 AM



“ I just would like to say to everyone who had the pleasure of knowing my Grandmother thank you she was the kindest loving person I know. She loved everyone and everyone loved her. To my Grammy I Love you and will miss you everyday and I know I will see you again and I am thankful that you are safe in Gods hands. God Bless you Grammy. Your Loving Granddaughter Gabrielle###imported-begin##Gabrielle (Roby) Swanick###imported-end##

February 02, 2009 at 11:25 AM



“ Lana, Earl, Matt & Kelsey
I was so sorry to hear about your mom. She was one of my favorite people growing up and when I remember Flossie I do nothing but smile. She will be remembered by me, forever. My prayers and thoughts go out to all of you.

Love Vicki###imported-begin##Vicki Ladd###imported-end##

February 02, 2009 at 09:33 AM



“ First I would like to thank people for posting their condolences and personal memories. It really does bring comfort to us. My grandmother was one in a million. She didn't have any riches and she worked very hard. What she gave to me and my children money cannot buy. Part of me will forever miss her shining light, her unwavering kindness, and her love. I can only hope to someday become the kind of person that she was, non- judgemental and completely forgiving of everyone. Grambo heres to you, the Greatest Mountain Woman that ever lived!!!!###imported-begin##Paula Roby-Palmer###imported-end##

February 02, 2009 at 08:43 AM



“ So sorry about the loss of your mother! Our prayer and thoughts are with you! I'll always have great memories of your mother. I'll always rememeber all the times she played with us kids at Grammie and Grampa's farm on North Hill - hiding-go-seek outdoors in the dark, wrestling with us kids in the livingroom and so much more, I have a movie with her wrestling with us, if you would like to see it sometime. I also have a lot of fond memories of her after she lived in Colebrook. She was a good person. Let all the great memories you had with her get you through this very sad time. Anybody that very met you mother will never forget her, she left a lasting impression on everyone.###imported-begin##Martha###imported-end##

February 01, 2009 at 09:33 AM



“ To all of Flossie's family. am saddened to hear of her passing, she was a great human being, loving, caring, funny, great to be around. We had a great visit when I dropped her off at the bus station in Concord on one of my trips to Mass. Those that knew her will always smile when someone mentions her name. May she rest in Peace & will be missed. God Bless You Flossie. Your friend Joyce##imported-begin##joyce cass##imported-end##

January 31, 2009 at 12:24 PM



“ Dear Flossie's Family:
The memories of her working hard, playing hard, big heart, and big smile should comfort you at this time of her loss. She'll be fondly remembered by so many of us. My sincere sympathies to you all.

Don##imported-begin##Donald Vashaw##imported-end##

January 31, 2009 at 09:24 AM



“ Judy, Marie, Lana, and Butch: We are so sorry to hear about Flossie. What a ticket she was. And I feel very bad because I was just going to ask Cherilyn to get her address from you girls so I could send her a card and I procrastinated. I hope she knows how much we cared.##imported-begin##David & Jean Brooks Lawton##imported-end##

January 31, 2009 at 08:59 AM



“ Marie and family,

I was very sad to see your mother passed away. I remember her from the days when I was in Colebrook. Remember all the good memories, that will keep you going. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Cathy Lunn##imported-begin##Cathy##imported-end##

January 30, 2009 at 06:15 PM