



Francis W. Brady

July 17, 1919 - January 12, 2011

COLUMBIA, NH – Mr. Francis W. Brady, 91, of Columbia, NH, passed away early Wednesday morning, January 12, 2011, at the Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital in Colebrook, NH with family by his side.

Born on July 17, 1919, in Newmarket, NH, he was a son of Daniel J. and M. Adaline (Varney) Brady. He had two brothers and two sisters, and only his sisters remain. He was married to Ruth (Smith) Brady and they had recently celebrated 68 years of marriage. They had lived in Newmarket, on the family homestead, until 1965, when they purchased the former Lyman Forbes farm in Colebrook.

He was a long-time dairy farmer and was active in dairy organizations. Francis was one of the first farmers to use the Artificial Breeding Assn. of NH/VT. He grew up with horses being an important part of his life. His father was a blacksmith, as well as having a small family farm, and Francis used the horses for farm work and logging, often using his horses to help others, as well.

He had raised and bred Percheron horses for many years, and he was a member of the Percheron Horse Association. He showed his horses for a few years at local fairs, and his love of them and his enjoyment in handling them produced many fond memories for family and community alike. Francis and

his teams were fixtures at The BALSAMS Grand Resort Hotel in Dixville, starting there in 1976 with weekly summer hay rides, eventually doing them in winter months, as well. There are many guests who will recall fondly Mr. Brady and his team of horses. In October, 1985, he participated in a fund raising event for restoration work on the Statue of Liberty. He was the driver of a restored Concord stagecoach owned by the Cowles family of Randolph, Vt. The convoy of coaches went from Concord to Boston collecting funds along the way. He and his teams participated in numerous 4th of July parades in Woodsville and Colebrook drawing the Cowles' stagecoach. They also re-opened covered bridges at rededications in Bath and Columbia with the same stagecoach. Francis supplied a four-horse hitch to pull a restored snow roller in a dedication in Pittsburg in 1990, and he always enjoyed being able to use his horses at home and for public events. He and his wife always put much work into their horses and harness for these events, and he took great pride in both "looking the way they should be."

His love of horses was only overshadowed by his love of family, and he was always there to help and give support. In particular, Francis enjoyed Sunday and holiday dinners, and having more family members around to share meals with and tell stories to.

He will be greatly missed by his wife, Ruth, and his children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, sisters and many good friends.

At his request, there were no calling hours. Private services will be held later at the convenience of the family in Newmarket, NH.

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.

Tribute Wall



“ *My condolences to all of Francis' family. We all go back many years from the days when you lived in East Colebrook and through school in Colebrook. It is tough to lose the people we have always looked up to in our family and our community. Even though we know we will lose our older family members at some point, that doesn't make it any easier when it happens. But we have many fond memories to carry with us into the future.*

I will always remember a visit with Francis at Lancaster Fair one time. We were discussing the relative merits of horses vs oxen as draft animals - you certainly know which Francis favored!

Condolences,

E. H. Roy##imported-begin##*E. H. Roy*##imported-end##

January 31, 2011 at 01:31 PM



“ *Grampa, You will always hold a special place in my heart. Both you and Grammie taught us so much about life and the importance of family. We will miss you greatly. But most of all, the memories (the jokes and laughter) will be carried with us for years to come. All my love, Katie*##imported-begin##*Katie Fellows Boissonneault*##imported-end##

January 26, 2011 at 11:08 AM



“ My deepest sympathy to your family. Francis always had a special place in my heart. When I was small I loved going on the sleigh/hay rides with him. He was always so kind to me. He would let me ride with him on the golf course all day and even let me sit up front with him. He was a good man and will be missed by many. May you be comforted by your special memories of him.##imported-begin##Lisa Atherton Whitaker##imported-end##

January 22, 2011 at 01:54 PM



“ Sincere condolance to entire Brady family##imported-begin##John & Christine Atwood##imported-end##

January 19, 2011 at 08:15 PM



“ On behalf of Paul Vallee Inc i want to express our sincere condolences to the family of Mr Brady.It was always a pleasure to discuss with Mr Brady when he use to come at our mill every week in the winter to get is sawdust for his horses.
Sncerely,
Richard Vallee.##imported-begin##Richard Vallee##imported-end##

January 19, 2011 at 11:13 AM



“ With deepest sympathy at the loss of your loved one.##imported-begin##Lucille and Albert Maurais##imported-end##

January 15, 2011 at 10:00 AM



“ So very sorry to hear of your dad's passing. Sympathy from our family to yours.##imported-begin##Jean & David Lawton##imported-end##

January 14, 2011 at 05:12 PM



“ Grampa,
I will always cherish the fond memories I have growing up spending my summers on the farm with You, Gram and my cousins. We have all grown and gone our seperate ways in life raising our own families, but the special memories will always be there @ the Brady farm.
I will miss you. May you rest in peace.
Love Always Sue##imported-begin##Sue Archambeault##imported-end##

January 14, 2011 at 11:18 AM



“ to the brady family we send our condolences. we will always remember the joy he brought to so many with his handsome horses and wonderful sleigh and hay rides.

emmy and bruce katz##imported-begin##emmy katz##imported-end##

January 13, 2011 at 05:59 PM



“ Please accept our condolences on the loss of Francis. We enjoyed him and the family the short time we were neighbors and always looked forward to seeing him and the horses. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Patty and Roland Hart###imported-begin###Patty Hart###imported-end##

January 13, 2011 at 05:18 PM



“ Dear Family:

Please accept my sincere sympathy. I enjoyed my chats with Francis all those years he did the sleigh rides at the Balsams. He was a very nice gentleman.

Most sincerely,

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

January 13, 2011 at 10:45 AM



“ Our condolences on your loss and the communities loss of this community minded person.###imported-begin###Haven & Peggy Haynes###imported-end##

January 13, 2011 at 12:06 AM