



## Frederick E. Cunningham Sr.

November 2, 1942 - December 8, 2020

CANAAN – Frederick E. Cunningham, Sr., 78, of Canaan, died on Tuesday, Dec. 8, 2020, at the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, NH, with his family by his side.

Fred was born in West Stewartstown on Nov. 2, 1942, a son to the late Willie and Florence (Enman) Cunningham. He was raised in Lemington prior to making his home in Canaan.

Known by his family and most of his friends as “Gramps,” Fred was the rock and patriarch of his family. His working life was varied, as he started as a young man at the Stratford Plywood Mill, then he worked for a period at Ethan Allen. In 1969, he went to auto body school and later operating his own auto body shop out of his garage on Canaan Hill until he went to work for his son, Fred, Jr., in the logging business. He loved to deliver fire and stove wood for the Cunningham Logging Co., and if he was gone too long, everyone knew that Fred was just out enjoying and visiting with his friends. He worked part-time for almost 20 years as a police officer for the Town of Canaan, and he was the animal control officer for most of the Northeast Kingdom of Vermont, work that he truly loved. Fred still always loved fixing old cars, though, and he loved to be out hunting in the fall. He was a true jokester with his family, all of whom he loved dearly, and could often be sniffed out bending the rules of his favorite card game, “73.”

Fred is survived by his beloved wife of more than 58 years, Dencie (Gray) Cunningham of Canaan; his two children, Fred Cunningham, Jr. and wife Lucille of Canaan, and Gina Vigneault and husband Roland of Norton; his brothers-in-law, David Gray of Canaan and Dale Gray of Killington; six grandchildren, Fred Cunningham (Tasha), Jon Cunningham (Alijah), Laura Vigneault (Mat), Diana Thurow (Jeremiah), Lyanne Elliott (Dan), and Dencie Covill (Zach); seven great-grandchildren, Mason, Cohen, Addison and Amaya Cunningham, Ayva Cunningham, Aidan and Adaline Thurow; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Fred is predeceased by two brothers, Bevin and Ronald Cunningham, and two sisters, Catherine Kirk and Barbara Goodwin.

Memorial calling hours will be held on Sunday, Jan. 3, 2021, from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home in Colebrook. A future celebration of Fred's life will be held at a later date.

Expressions of sympathy in memory of Mr. Cunningham may be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105, or online at [stjude.org](http://stjude.org); or to the Two Rivers Ride for Cancer, c/o R. Mulliken, 53 Spring St., Colebrook, NH 03576.

Condolences may be offered to the family on-line by going to [www.jenkinsnewman.com](http://www.jenkinsnewman.com).

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to the care of Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home, Colebrook, NH.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 3. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall

CR

“ *Deepest sympathy to the family, Fred was a very special man and loved by all of us.*

Carol Rainville - January 03, 2021 at 02:43 PM

BD

“ *Betty J Day lit a candle in memory of Frederick E. Cunningham Sr.*



betty j day - January 02, 2021 at 06:53 PM

SR

“ *To the Cunningham family: We are sorry about your loss. He was a great and gentle person to have known. He had a great smile and love to talk with us.. He will be miss greatly. Claude and Sylvie Roy*

Sylvie and Claude Roy - January 02, 2021 at 04:25 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Frederick E. Cunningham Sr..*



December 28, 2020 at 09:21 AM

TE

“ Another great asset to the Logging community that will be missed  
Fred was always there to count on to support our efforts to keep the  
Timber industry moving forward.  
His shoes will be hard to fill  
New Hampshire Timberland Owners Association

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**Tim Emperor** - December 23, 2020 at 10:32 AM

TE

“ Very sorry for your high loss  
Tim Jane Emperor

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**Tim Emperor** - December 23, 2020 at 10:28 AM

KT

“ our condolences to you and your family

*Andre and Kathy Thibault*

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**kathy thibault** - December 18, 2020 at 02:30 PM

BN

“ Dencie and Family: Fred will be missed by many friends in the  
Canaan, Norton, and Averill area. He was always there to help  
anyone in need. God Bless you all.

*Barb and Craig Nolan*

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**Barbara Nolan** - December 17, 2020 at 10:59 AM

WN

“ Dencie and all your beautiful family- our deepest condolences! Big Fred will be missed by everyone that new him family, friends, etc. Prayers and hugs to the whole family. RIP Fred  
Walter and Suzelle

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**Walter&Suzelle Noyes** - December 17, 2020 at 07:25 AM

LK

“ We were sorry to learn of Fred's passing. It was always a pleasure to be in his company and we enjoyed his easy going, friendly nature. Fred was and integral part of Canaan and will be missed by everyone who knew him.

Pat and Les Klinefelter

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**Leslie Klinefelter** - December 16, 2020 at 04:43 PM

JB

“ Dencie, Fred Jr., Gina and families..... So very sorry to hear of Fred's death...Our thoughts and prayers are with you all....Hopefully your wonderful memories you have of him will as time passes ease the pain..... WE have many many memories of being with him and Dencie and family members at Sims Hill Camp etc. over many year. Fred was always a lot of fun.... always smiling and glad to see his family/friends.... He will be deeply missed and may he Rest in Peace... From Jim and Janet Bennett..



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**Jim and Janet Bennett** - December 16, 2020 at 01:42 PM

GI

“ Our deepest sympathies on your loss. He will be miss3d by many. Fred was always a happy and friendly person who was always happy to help anyone. Allen remembers many fond memories of their trips to and from Manchester when they attended Man Power in Manchester, NH. I also remember the fun Fred, Dencie and I (along with other local people) worked on the set for a movie. RIP Fred.

*Sincerely, Ginette and Allen Ladd*

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**GinetteLadd** - December 16, 2020 at 01:38 PM

RJ

“ Our deepest sympathies to the Cunnigham family. This man always had a story to tell whenever you saw him. He was also one of the kindest man you ever could come across. Well respected throughout our small community. He will be missed by his family and many others. RIP Fred you will never be forgotten. Dennis and Rita

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**Rita Johnson** - December 13, 2020 at 05:57 PM

SM

“ We are so sorry for your loss. What a nice person. He will be missed by many people in this community. George and Sally

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**Sally Masson** - December 13, 2020 at 02:47 PM

DG

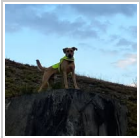
“ *To Dencie and the Whole Cunningham Family:*

*Fred was a really great guy, he always had a joke or use to tease me all the time about something or other. He would do anything to help people and was very personable and he surely will be missed. I guess God had a better plan for him so may he rest in peace. Cherish all your memories of him and everything you all shared as a family. God Bless you and and take care.*  
*Donald & Ginette Gagnon*



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**Donald & Ginette Gagnon** - December 13, 2020 at 12:14 PM



“ *Audie Porter lit a candle in memory of Frederick E. Cunningham Sr.*



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**Audie Porter** - December 12, 2020 at 08:23 PM

RC

“ *Dencie and family so sorry to hear of Fred's passing he was certainly one of the good guys. My thoughts take me back to my high school days when Fred, Beven, and Ronnie would be at camp. Reg and I'd spend the night and 73 was on! Breakfast with toast done on the wood stove. Rest in peace Fred.*

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**Ron Cross** - December 12, 2020 at 07:05 PM

SV

“ Dencie, Fred Jr. and Gina, Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time. Try to remember all the good times during the holidays. Rest in peace Uncle Freddie. Your fun laugh will be greatly missed.

*Love Steff, Garrett, Andrew and Jen Vitt*

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**Stephanie Vitt** - December 12, 2020 at 05:46 PM

CV

“ We are so sorry to hear of Grampa's passing. He was such a strong and hard working man whose family always came first. Our hearts ache for you all. There are no words to heal your pain and sorrow, but please know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers.

*Christine and Vigg*

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**Christine Vigneault** - December 12, 2020 at 04:49 PM

SG

“ Dencie and the Cunningham family, while we lived on Canaan Hill, Fred and his family always made us feel so welcome.

*May he Rest In Peace,  
Bernie and Sue Gosselin*

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**Susan Gosselin** - December 12, 2020 at 12:31 PM

RR

*So sorry for your loss, Gerard and Rosemary*

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**Rosemary Riendeau** - December 14, 2020 at 09:26 PM

MB

“ So sorry to hear of Freddy’s passing. I grew up “next door” to Fred and Dencie - my parents’ house was just past theirs on the hill. When we were little, my sister and I would take our sleds and ride the quarter mile down the road (or sometimes perilously, on the VAST trail) between our houses. Freddy would often give us a ride home so we didn’t have to walk. They were excellent neighbors - always friendly, super welcoming, ready to help at a moment’s notice no matter what the disaster was. Our condolences and much love to the entire Cunningham family from all the Brodskys.

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**Mary Brodsky** - December 12, 2020 at 11:24 AM

CC

“ We were saddened to hear of Fred's passing. Carey feels like he has lost a family member. So many great memories and stories. Rest in peace.

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**Carey Cross** - December 12, 2020 at 09:13 AM

VT

“ Dencie and family,  
So sorry for your loss. He was One-Of-A-Kind for sure. Our family have such great memories to share. Especially when we would all get together up on the hill. He was so good to Mom and Dad and I know they enjoyed his company. He was good to all of us and will be missed and remembered always.  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you.  
Vivien and Monty

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**Vivien Towle** - December 12, 2020 at 09:04 AM

PH

“ He left many broken hearts; yet he left a legacy even bigger... And that is what life is all about..

*To be consistent in your love.*

*To be consistent in your character.*

*To be remembered as a good person no matter what the circumstances were.*

*To do good, to be good, and to be remembered as consistently good.*

*And to leave a family who is proud to call you "Dad" "Gramps" and friend.*

*Sending light and love,*

*Patty Holland*

*and Ed Jackman*

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**Patricia Holland** - December 11, 2020 at 10:21 PM

DA

“ So very sorry to hear this news. We'll miss Fred's annual visits. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family during this sad time.

*Treasure all your marvelous memories.*

*Dave and Heidi McGuigan*

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**Dave** - December 11, 2020 at 07:31 PM

FC

“ So sad our sympathy and prayers to Dencie, family and friends. " From Francine & Andre Champagne"



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**Francine Champagne** - December 11, 2020 at 06:17 PM

RM

“ Dencie and family so sorry for your loss. I have so great memories growing up on the hill, I was very very young but I Remember Freddy's and Dencies wedding. Being at there house alot, Freddy was always tickering on cars. We all where one great big family. He was good to us kids. And Mom and Dad . He will be missed. Becky

Rebecca Masters - December 11, 2020 at 04:37 PM

TE

“ Tricia E. Ellingwood lit a candle in memory of Frederick E. Cunningham Sr.



Tricia E. Ellingwood - December 11, 2020 at 04:06 PM

SF

“ Dencie and family, so very sorry for your loss. Such great memories we all had together living on the hill. I remember when you and Fred were dating and he would go by our house and toot his horn. he was so good to us as we were growing up and to Mom and Dad. will miss him always.....Sheila Fissette

sheila fissette - December 11, 2020 at 03:22 PM

WM

“ Our sincerest condolences to Dencie and the entire Cunningham family.  
RIP Fred, you were a good man.

Walter Morrissey - December 11, 2020 at 01:23 PM

WB

“ Love, thoughts, and prayers to Dencie and the family for the loss of a wonderful man and neighbor. Loved our conversations on “the hill” and when together in San Diego while visiting family. Rest easy, Fred.

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**Wendy & Eddie Brousseau** - December 11, 2020 at 01:23 PM

JM

“ Dencie, Fred, Gina and Family I am so sorry for the loss of Gramps . He was such an awesome man and wonderful family man ,You were all so very lucky to have him... To you all I send my Love, Hugs and prayers.. Joanne

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**Joanne Mathieu** - December 11, 2020 at 01:12 PM

SP

“ So very sorry to hear of the loss of the Cunningham family Patriarch. May he Rest In Peace. Our sincerest sympathies go out to you all.

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**Suzanne and Bruce Phinney** - December 11, 2020 at 01:02 PM

 Rollande Mathieu

“ So sorry for your loss. Our condolences to you and your family. Real and Rollande Mathieu.

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**Rollande Mathieu** - December 11, 2020 at 12:54 PM

LB

“ Cunningham Family,  
  
Prayers and thoughts go out to you during this difficult time.  
Lisa, Michael, Katelyn & Nicholas Bouchard

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**LISA Bouchard** - December 11, 2020 at 12:49 PM

KG

“ Dencie and family,  
So sorry to learn of Fred's passing. Our deepest condolences to you  
and your family.  
I know Fred will be deeply missed.  
Keith and Diane Gamsby

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**Keith Gamsby** - December 11, 2020 at 11:59 AM

TB

“ So very sorry to hear about your loss....and the loss for our  
community. Fred was a wonderful man. Our love and prayers to The  
Cunningham Family.

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**Tal & Maureen Blanchard** - December 11, 2020 at 11:39 AM

HH

“ Our deepest condolences go out to the family on your loss. Fred  
served his community with unselfish dignity and it shows with how  
well liked he was. Fred is type of person that would give you the  
shirt off his back.

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**Haven & Peggy Haynes** - December 11, 2020 at 10:31 AM

ER

“ I have so many Memories of Freddy specially at Ethan Allen RIP my  
friend you will be missed but Never Forgotten.

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**Earl Roby** - December 11, 2020 at 10:10 AM

MG

“ Was always a friend of our family,When my brother and I was kids  
he was a great inspiration to us. So sorry to the family,he's was a  
great Man.

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**Maria Garland** - December 11, 2020 at 10:04 AM

TB

“ *Thelma Baker lit a candle in memory of Frederick E. Cunningham Sr.*



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**Thelma Baker** - December 11, 2020 at 09:34 AM

RB

*Our deepest sympathy to the Cunningham family on the passing of Freddy. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you*

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**Ron and Linda Beloin** - December 11, 2020 at 10:32 PM

JD

*So sorry for you, Dencie, and your family. Our thoughts are with you all.*

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**Jean-Carol Dunham** - December 12, 2020 at 01:42 PM