



## Frederick H. Leigh

October 14, 1944 - January 1, 2017

COLEBROOK - After 72 wonderful years of family, farming and faithfulness to his loved ones and friends alike, Frederick H. "Fred" Leigh, of Colebrook, was laid to eternal rest on Sunday, January 1, 2017. A simple man who enjoyed a simple life, Fred was a man of great pride and principle. Although his hands were rough and callused from a life's work he always embraced, they were soft and gentle to the touch of his precious family and cherished friends.

Born in Stewartstown, New Hampshire, on October 14, 1944, to Robert E. and Laura A. (Frizzell) Leigh, Fred was a 1963 graduate of Colebrook Academy who later attended veterinary school for a period of time. After leaving Colebrook, he worked on multiple farms in New Hampshire and Massachusetts. Following 23 years of service, and in order to spend more time with his ailing father, he retired early from Perstorp Compounds in Florence.

Reliable as he was generous, Fred was not only a giver, always thinking of others before himself, and more than willing to help anyone in need without any expectation of recompense. Fred embodied integrity and lived by the mantra that a person is only as good as their word, making him a friend everyone loved to have, but more importantly, a family man that his parents, siblings, wife, children, nephews and grandchildren were fortunate to call their own.

For those that were blessed to know and love him and to those fortunate enough to meet him, they knew Fred's family and friends were of paramount importance. For his wife of 35 years and his two children, Kate and Tommy, there was nothing he would not do to ensure their safety and well-being. Whether bowling competitively, sitting on his front porch visiting, playing cards and drinking an evening coffee with friends, or in the driver's seat taking a leisurely drive around the block, to search for moose or to a vacation destination, Fred genuinely enjoyed the company of others, and they the same.

Fred is survived by those he lived for and loved deeply, his loving wife, Patricia (Bogan) Leigh of Florence, Massachusetts.; a son, Thomas Leigh and wife Heather of Las Vegas, Nevada; a daughter, Kathryn Dwyer and husband Sean of Gardner, Massachusetts; two grandchildren, Stephen and Brandan Murphy; and two sisters, Roberta "Bobbi" Ramsay and husband James of Concord, New Hampshire, and Donna Beal and husband Pepper of Machias, Maine.

He is preceded in death by a brother, Rolland Leigh, and a sister, JoAnne Brown.

At Fred's specific request, there will be no public calling hours or services. Interment will occur at a later date in the Colebrook Village Cemetery.

Expressions of sympathy in memory of Mr. Leigh may be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105; or to the Town of Colebrook, 17 Bridge 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 under the direction of Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home in Colebrook.

# Cemetery Details

## **Colebrook Village Cemetery**

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

# Tribute Wall

SO

“ *Shawnda O'Keefe lit a candle in memory of Frederick H. Leigh*



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**Shawnda O'Keefe** - January 17, 2017 at 05:06 PM

SO

*To a great Uncle who will be truly missed. I am sorry that I was not there for you much in the last year. Growing up when my dad wasn't around you stepped in and took his place and I am forever grateful for that. I always considered you as a Father Figure for me. I'll miss the long talks we had on the porch at the farm, there were many and I will hold them in my heart forever. I will miss you so much. Love you Uncle Fred!!*

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**Shawnda O'Keefe** - January 17, 2017 at 05:16 PM

AC

“ *I am so very sorry for the loss of your Dad. Please know that so many share in your grief. Fred was such a good friend to me for many years. I met him while working at Pleasant Pharmacy in the 80's. He and Fran would come in every Sunday morning to help me open up and put the papers out. He stayed until the pharmacist arrived because he didn't think I should be alone. It was never a problem for Fred to go out of his way to help a friend. There was that time a bat flew into my house, I called Fred! I have so many memories of his kindness, his sense of humor and the many laughs we had. He will be missed by all.*

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**Angie Chereski** - January 10, 2017 at 07:58 PM

SL

“ Sharon Knapp Lynch lit a candle in memory of Frederick H. Leigh



Sharon Knapp Lynch - January 08, 2017 at 05:24 PM

BM

“ Sorry for your loss, Fred was a great man always willing to help others. I had the privilege of working with Fred and his memories are talked about often. R.I.P.

Bill Marek - January 07, 2017 at 07:05 PM

JB

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JERRY BROOKS - January 07, 2017 at 03:13 PM

JB

REST IN PEASE MY FRIEND, YOU SURE WILL BE MISSED

JERRY BROOKS - January 07, 2017 at 03:17 PM

RS

Fred spoke many times of how he appreciated everything you did for him. Jerry, you were a good friend to Fred. Banty and Barb

Roland Smith - January 07, 2017 at 05:04 PM

NC

“ A great cousin--with good memories --Fred you are at peace now and will be missed by many Nellie

nellie collins - January 07, 2017 at 09:18 AM

GL

“ I grew up with Fred in East Colebrook and we raised a lot of hell together and I was left with great memories. Sending our deepest sympathy to the family. Love to all.

Yvan and Cookie (Boudle) Lambert

Gloria Lambert - January 07, 2017 at 07:53 AM

BH

“ Freddie and I met our freshmen year of high school. We were friends right through graduation. Then, as happens in many cases, we went our separate ways in life. He was always a nice, friendly, caring person. I'm glad to have known him. And I extend my sympathy to his family.

Barbara Brooks Hann - January 06, 2017 at 03:57 PM

JB

“ Judy Hunt Budge lit a candle in memory of Frederick H. Leigh



Judy Hunt Budge - January 06, 2017 at 04:31 AM

DG

“ My condolences to the family. Although it has been many years, I always enjoyed his company at family gatherings. I recall his wonderful smile as well.  
*Debbi Leigh Gadwah*

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**Deborah Gadwah** - January 05, 2017 at 04:59 PM

CL

“ Fred was very kind and caring man he did a lot for my mother and father and will be missed. My condolences to his family.  
*Scott and Conni Leigh*

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**conni leigh** - January 05, 2017 at 02:56 PM

BS

“ Fred was the most unselfish person we have ever known, he always put everyone's needs before his own. A true and honest friend in every way and we will miss him very much. His kindness, consideration and that smile made him special.

*Love,  
Banty & Barbara Smith*

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**Barbara Smith** - January 05, 2017 at 01:28 PM