



Garry Robert Parkhurst

January 26, 1956 - December 21, 2018

COLUMBIA – Garry Robert Parkhurst, 62, of Columbia, passed away on Friday, Dec. 21, 2018, at the Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital in Colebrook, surrounded by his family after a hard-fought, courageous battle with cancer.

Garry was born on Jan. 26, 1956, in West Stewartstown to Kenneth and Isabelle (Riendeau) Parkhurst. He attended Our Lady of Grace Academy and was a 1974 graduate of Colebrook Academy. For 31 years Garry was an employee of Daniel Hebert Inc. in Colebrook as a licensed plumber and electrician in Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont. Most recently he was employed as plant manager at the Coos County Nursing Hospital. For 25 years he served as tax collector for the town of Columbia and was a member of the New Hampshire Tax Collectors' Association. For many years, Garry taught the plumbing and gas license update seminars for tradesmen in the northern part of the state.

Garry was an active member of the local community. In his younger years he enjoyed bowling as a member of the Colebrook Men's Bowling League, snowmobiling, motorcycling, and racing. Garry would say his greatest achievement in life was his children and he loved the time he spent cheering on the sidelines of sports games, attending concerts, and as the Cub Master of Pack 220. Garry, along with his children, often worked side jobs on the weekends where he built many lasting friendships with his neighbors.

In 1990 Garry married Marcia (Wright) Parkhurst, the love of his life and his soulmate. In 1991 they built their house in Bungy with the help of family and friends, and it was his favorite place to be. As was his wish, Garry spent most of his final days at home surrounded by family and with frequent visits from close friends. Garry will be remembered most for his love of family, strong work ethic, sense of integrity, and quick-witted comebacks.

He leaves behind his loving wife of 28 years, Marcia Parkhurst of Columbia, NH; his parents, Kenneth and Isabelle Parkhurst of Columbia; his children, Christopher Parkhurst of Fayetteville NC, Phillip and wife Jennifer (Reardon) Parkhurst of Fayetteville NC, Jeffrey and wife Katrina (Moreau) Parkhurst of Meriden CT, and Ashlynn (Parkhurst) and husband Seth Fogg of Concord NH; and five grandchildren, Luke, Victoria, Nicole, Alexia, and Tristan.

Calling hours will be on Friday, Dec. 28, 2018, from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home in Colebrook. A Mass of Christian Burial will take place the next morning, Saturday, Dec. 29, at 11 a.m. at St. Brendan's Catholic Church in Colebrook with The Rev. Craig Cheney as celebrant. Burial will be private in the spring at St. Brendan's Cemetery.

Expressions of sympathy may be made in Garry's name to the Two Rivers Ride for Cancer, c/o Rosemary Mulliken, 53 Spring St., Colebrook NH, 03576.

Condolences may be offered to the family on-line by going to www.jenkinsnewman.com.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home in Colebrook.

Cemetery Details

St. Brendan's Catholic Cemetery

South Main Street
Colebrook, NH

Previous Events

Delivers to funeral home by

DEC 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home
103 Main Street
Colebrook, NH

Visitation

DEC 28. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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103 Main Street
Colebrook, NH

Visitation

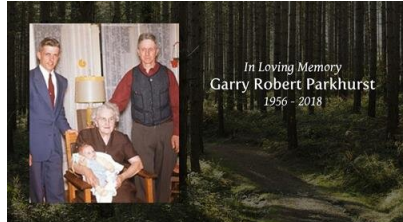
DEC 28. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home
103 Main Street
Colebrook, NH

Tribute Wall



“ *Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Garry Robert Parkhurst*



Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home - December 26, 2018 at 04:52 PM

SB

“ *Susan Brooks lit a candle in memory of Garry Robert Parkhurst*



Susan Brooks - January 14, 2019 at 05:21 PM

SB

Thoughts are with you.

Susan Brooks - January 14, 2019 at 05:22 PM

WS

“ *Dear Marcia, so sorry to hear about Garry. I remember him doing work at WM's and being so jovial with a keen good sense of humor. he always liked my episodes with kids back in the day. It's so bad cancer grips the good people who do so much for others. I'm one of the lucky ones who survived colon and color-rectal cancer twice. Not fun. I remember him joking with Gary Arsenault saying "Garry with 2 rs. My BEST Retired finally in 2017 AFA Bill Symonds*

William Symonds - January 02, 2019 at 08:57 AM

JH

“ I was sorry to read about Garry's passing. My deepest condolences.
What a wonderful, but short, life he lived!
I never knew Garry, but became acquainted with Kenneth and Isabelle through the hardware store years ago. Words cannot express my sadness at the thought of what you must be going through.
My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.
Joanne Hennessey



Joanne Hennessey - December 31, 2018 at 08:41 AM

 Cheryl
LaPoint

“ I am very sorry for your loss. I knew Garry many years ago and he was was a great guy always had a smile on his face. RIP Garry..



Cheryl LaPoint - December 29, 2018 at 06:16 PM

BC

“ I am sorry for your, our loss. Your cherished memories and your shared love for Garry will carry you forward together.I felt the service was good.
Brian Corcoran

Brian Corcoran - December 29, 2018 at 02:11 PM

HR

“ So sorry for your loss....Cousin Garry always had a friendly smile and wonderful sense of humor with a funny story or two when we would all get together at our grandparents' home. He would be greatly missed by both his immediate and his extended family, as well as friends. Thoughts and prayers for all.

Helen Riendeau

Helen Riendeau - December 29, 2018 at 12:24 PM

PK

“ Marcia and family, We were so sorry to hear of Gary's passing. Please accept our deepest sympathy. We are sure he will be sadly missed by all who knew him. Hoping that fond memories will sustain you in the difficult times ahead. 🌹🌹❤️ Pat and Jackie Kelly

Patrick Kelly - December 29, 2018 at 09:07 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Garry Robert Parkhurst.



December 28, 2018 at 12:16 PM

SB

“ Sorry for your lost. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Scott and Lynn Berry - December 28, 2018 at 07:55 AM

JB

“ We were so struck by the news of Garrys passing. So sad and tragic. Our thoughts and prayers are with Marcia and the whole family and ... there is a future hope of resting in God and a looking forward to the great day of being united.
God bless and comfort you all,

Jerry & Brigitte Brainard

Jerry Brainard - December 28, 2018 at 04:43 AM

MB

“ I enjoyed working with Gary at the nursing home. He was always pleasant and a very good worker. I am so sorry for your loss.
Heaven has another angel.

Micheline Brooks

Micheline Brooks - December 27, 2018 at 04:03 PM

DB

“ Dale and Brenda Baker purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Garry Robert Parkhurst.



Dale and Brenda Baker - December 25, 2018 at 07:46 PM

TS

“ To Marsha and family. We extend our deepest sympathy to you in your loss.

Linda and Marty Zarli (Bungy rd)

The Zarli s - December 25, 2018 at 09:21 AM

LE

“ *Marcia,
We were saddened to hear of Garry's passing. May the memories of Garry and the love he had for his family give you strength in the days ahead. With heartfelt thoughts and prayers to the Parkhurst family in your time of sorrow.*

Leslie & Danny Eldridge

Leslie & Danny Eldridge - December 24, 2018 at 09:24 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Garry Robert Parkhurst.*



December 24, 2018 at 03:05 PM

SR

“ *My favorite memory is of the Florida vacation Garry, Marcia, and the kids took; it was great fun to see everyone, and Garry kept us laughing, especially when Sheila and I dared to ride the Slingshot. Last year we visited Colebrook and saw the extraordinary home Garry built, complete with wonderful nooks and crannies everywhere. Garry was a man of many, many talents, and touched a tremendous amount of people in his lifetime. He will be greatly missed, but we'll surely keep his memory alive in our hearts and memories forever. His was a life well-lived.*

Sherry and Steve Russo

Sherry and Steve Russo - December 24, 2018 at 01:23 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Garry Robert Parkhurst.*



December 24, 2018 at 01:11 PM



“ *We are so sorry for your loss! Thoughts and prayers are with you at this very difficult time.*

Gilles and Priscilla Lambert - December 24, 2018 at 09:25 AM



“ *Marcia and family,*

I am so sorry to hear of Gary's passing. I was visiting with him a few weeks ago and he had me laughing . He was in great spirits and Like Gary he talked about getting back to work and the new boiler he wanted to help me install at my home. He was a tremendous help when I moved in. I had him on speed dial as he truly had all the answers . We lost a good one. Ken Jaworski

ken Jaworski - December 24, 2018 at 08:34 AM



“ *Our deepest condolences go out to the family on your loss. I bowled with Garry in Colebrook. Gary was involved in his community and was a very giving person that will be missed.*

Haven & Peggy Haynes - December 23, 2018 at 10:52 AM

LB

“ *Marcia and Family,
So sorry to hear about Garry. Keep his memories close to your hearts. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. RIP Garry!
Lisa, Michael, Katelyn and Nicholas Bouchard*

Lisa Bouchard - December 23, 2018 at 10:33 AM

SC

“ *Stacey Campbell lit a candle in memory of
Garry Robert Parkhurst*



Stacey Campbell - December 23, 2018 at 10:14 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family
of Garry Robert Parkhurst.*



December 23, 2018 at 09:28 AM

CH

“ *Our deepest condolences to all of. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Claude, Carole Houle.x

Carole Houle - December 23, 2018 at 09:04 AM

SM

“ *My condolences to you Marcia and your family!!! It's never easy to lose a person but it is really hard at the holidays. Thinking of you Shori and Buzz*

Shori Mckinnon - December 23, 2018 at 08:36 AM

RL

“ *Hey Garry. I still remember vividly first grade together at OLGA and the both of us getting the ruler across the knuckles by Sister Mary Edward at the same time! So many years ago. Godspeed Garry.*


Ray Lavigne - December 23, 2018 at 08:32 AM

SM

“ *Sally May lit a candle in memory of Garry Robert Parkhurst*



Sally May - December 23, 2018 at 03:42 AM

 Calvin Crawford

“ *Calvin Crawford lit a candle in memory of Garry Robert Parkhurst*



Calvin Crawford - December 22, 2018 at 09:31 PM

JB

“ *My deepest sympathy to Kenneth, Isabelle, and the Parkhurst family. I am so very sorry for your loss.*



Judy Hunt Budge - December 22, 2018 at 08:58 PM

JC

“ *Jan Corliss lit a candle in memory of Garry Robert Parkhurst*



Jan Corliss - December 22, 2018 at 06:27 PM

JC

Marcia and family - We are so sorry about your loss and sad that we are away for the holidays. We were reminiscing today. Do you remember when a group of us were going to dinner at the Balsams for dinner and Phil showed up at your house in an old leisure suit? Poor Garry had a melt down! We laughed at the memory and hope you can too. Hugs to the kids.

Jan Corliss - December 22, 2018 at 06:36 PM

KO

“ *I am sorry for the family's loss. Garry was always a happy person. I babysat the younger kids when we were ALL younger and it was one of my favorite jobs.
Sending love and hugs to you all.*

~Karen O'Neil-Roy

Karen O'Neil-Roy - December 22, 2018 at 05:49 PM

CB

“ I haven't seen you since we graduated. But, we sure had a lot of laughs as teenagers.RIP and say hi to the classmates that went before you.

Cindy Brigham



Cindy Brigham - December 22, 2018 at 05:37 PM

CF

“ *Marcia, Isabella, Ken and family.....My sincere condolences to you and your family. I am so sorry for you loss. All of us will miss Garry.*

Carolyn j Foss - December 22, 2018 at 04:36 PM

AL

“ *Uncle Garry, I'll never forget your quick witted sense humor that made us all laugh and your warm heart. You will be remembered as a loving husband, father and family man and we will all miss you.*

Peace and love to you.

Aunt Marcia, Jeffrey, Ashlynn, Christopher and Phillip - sending you all the love and comfort today and everyday. I love you all.

xx

Amy

Amy LaRoche - December 22, 2018 at 03:56 PM

VP

“ *RIP Gary. Your laughter is still present in my memory. Love and hugs to your family.*

Vivian Poirier - December 22, 2018 at 03:31 PM

CB

“ Gary you will be missed I remember many get togethers with my family. You will be missed very much.

To The family I am so very sorry for your loss. Your father was a great man. My heart and prayers go out to your whole family.

Chad Boivin - December 22, 2018 at 03:25 PM

DB

Garry you were a very special friend. We have a lot of great memories. Marcia and your children we love you all. If you need anything please call

Debbie Boivin - December 22, 2018 at 03:53 PM

NM

Words can't describe how very sad I am for you. I know how much he loved you all and what a hole his passing will leave in all of your lives. He was a wonderful brother-in-law and we will miss him and his great love of life and family.

Love, Tom and Nancy

Nancy L McVetty - December 22, 2018 at 05:20 PM

SL

Marcia and Family, I'm so, so sorry to hear about Garry. I will remember him always. We had the BEST visit a short time ago. I was remembering our visit on Thursday and reminding myself to call soon. I'm thinking about you all. I love you ❤️
Garry, I'm sure you and Tom are having fun catching up. We will all see you guys soon. RiP

Sandy Lowell - December 22, 2018 at 05:29 PM

CN

Chris, Phil, and the rest of the Parkhurst family my heart felt sympathies to you all. It's hard whenever we loose a loved one but this time of year it is even harder. Please take what comfort you can in the fact that Garry is now pain free and in a much better place than we are. I wish I could take the pain away for all of you and leave you with only your happy memories.

Cheryl-Leigh Neary - December 22, 2018 at 05:51 PM



Marsha and Family, Kenneth and Isabelle. I don't know what to say except that we are so sorry for your loss. Garry was the keystone in your family and his loss will be so hard. You are all in our prayers and will we be thinking of you everyday during this difficult time. I am so sorry we can't be there.

Patty Hart - December 22, 2018 at 07:45 PM

RS

Marsha, Thank you for sharing Gary with me and all the others that he has touched. He will be missed by all your family and all those he came in contact with. Our prayers and thoughts go out to the entire Parkhurst family.

Rick Samson

Rick Samson - December 22, 2018 at 08:31 PM



Marcia and family. Was so saddened to hear of Gary's passing. He stepped up to the plate and helped me when my furnace exploded when you put the "bug" in his ear! I will forever be grateful. Fill your days ahead with happy memories to help fill the void.

Pat Banfill - December 25, 2018 at 05:27 AM