



## Gary W. Richardson

June 8, 1937 - January 10, 2023

WEST STEWARTSTOWN – Gary W. Richardson, 85, of W. Stewartstown, passed away on Tuesday evening, Jan. 10, 2023, at his home with his wife by his side and after a four-year battle with cancer.

He was born on June 8, 1937, in West Stewartstown, a son to the late Wilbert A. and Cleora (Stillings) Richardson. He attended the local schools and was a 1955 graduate of Canaan Memorial High School. He later attended Lowell Tech. school in Lowell, Mass., for a short time and then served with honor in the U.S. Navy from 1956-60. In the Navy, Gary was a guided missile technician and he served for a period on the aircraft carrier U.S.S. Midway and was deployed to the Far East for seven months. He continued his military service when he returned home in the U.S. Army Reserve from 1973 until he retired in 1992.

Gary's career and working life was varied. He worked for a time at Ethan Allen in Beecher Falls, did construction work for a time, and he owned and operated Currier's Store from 1969-72. In the early 60s, he was a technician at N.H. Ball Bearings in Peterborough. In the north country, he was a truck driver for Gilles Rancourt and Corriveau Logging, a sales rep for Middlesex Fire Equipment, and he drove over the road for Diamond International and the James River Corp. for 15 years. He retired in 1998 from Wausau Papers in Groveton as a papermaker on the #5 paper machine.

He joined the Beecher Falls Volunteer Fire Department in 1966 and remained for more than 40 years. He served several years as the secretary and treasurer of the department, and he was a certified fire instructor for both New Hampshire and Vermont. Gary was a proud member of the Vermont State Firemen's Association, and was a former forest fire warden for the Town of Stewartstown.

He loved to snowmobile and was a charter member of the Canaan Border Riders. He also maintained memberships in the Swift Diamond Riders and the Ski-Bees, VAST, and the NHSA. Gary also enjoyed collecting and shooting firearms, hunting and fishing, and he was a long-time member of the NRA. Gary was also a former instructor for the N.H. Hunter Safety courses. He was a long-time member of the local Granges, as well, both the Frontier Grange and the Aurora Grange in Pittsburg. Gary was also a faithful member of the Hope Baptist Church in W. Stewartstown.

Gary leaves behind his wife of more than 36 years, Norma (Noyes) Richardson of W. Stewartstown; his son, Perry Richardson and wife Joanne Kinney-Richardson of Winslow, Me.; a brother, David Richardson and wife Shirley of W. Stewartstown; a sister, Patricia Nevers of Concord, N.H.; step-children, Kevin Brockney and wife Lisa of Canaan, Janet Kittleman and husband Scott of Marcy, N.Y., Deborah Kirk and husband Bill of Milton, Vt., Stephen Lavigne and wife Jennifer, and Matthew Lavigne and wife Bronwyn, all of Maryland; seven grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

He is predeceased by a sister, Suzanne Haynes.

There are no public calling hours. A memorial service with naval and fire department honors will be held on Saturday, Feb. 18, 2023, at 11 a.m. at the Hope Baptist Church in W. Stewartstown. Interment in the Colebrook Village

Cemetery will be at a later date.

Expressions of sympathy in memory of Gary may be made to the Hope Baptist Church Building Fund, P.O. Box 218, W. Stewartstown, NH 03597; or to the Beecher Falls Volunteer Fire Dept., P.O. Box 326, Beecher Falls, VT 05902.

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 in Colebrook.

# Cemetery Details

## Colebrook Village Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

FEB 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

Hope Baptist Church  
Washington Street, U.S. Rt. 3  
West Stewartstown, NH 03597

# Tribute Wall

LD

“ Our sincere condolences to Norma, Perry and Gary’s loved ones. One could not ask for a better neighbor than Gary, we were truly blessed. So many memories to look back on with fondness. Gary was always there with a helping hand whenever it was needed. He was supportive of all our children even when they played around his house as children. Blessings to you Norma and our prayers to Gary’s family.

Luc and Rita Doyon - February 24, 2023 at 12:59 PM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Gary W. Richardson.



February 08, 2023 at 06:44 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Gary W. Richardson.



January 27, 2023 at 01:53 PM

LK

“ We were sorry to learn of Gary's passing. He was a valued member of the community and will be missed. Thoughts and prayers are with the family.

*Patty and Les Klinefelter*

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**Leslie Klinefelter** - January 20, 2023 at 11:21 AM

MP

“ Perry, Joanne, Norma and Family. Our deepest condolences to you and the family. Gary was truly a wonderful man and will be deeply missed. I enjoyed getting to know him when I was young and when I was on the fire department with him. He will be deeply missed by his family, his fire department family, and his community. Michel and Patty Pariseau

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**Michel Pariseau** - January 20, 2023 at 09:52 AM

JS

“ JANA SIERAD lit a candle in memory of Gary W. Richardson



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**JANA SIERAD** - January 19, 2023 at 05:30 AM

JS

*So sorry for your loss. Keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**JANA SIERAD** - January 19, 2023 at 05:31 AM

JB

“ Norma, our hearts are broken for you and your family as you walk through this difficult time. Gary is just one of those people that always brightened a room when he walked in and found a way to connect with people of all ages and stages. I love how he could make people laugh. What a gift! Zack still treasures his memory of Gary letting him up in the fire truck. We know he touched many lives in his time on earth and that he will be profoundly missed. We are so sorry for your loss. Danny, Jen, Zack & Kayleigh Burns

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**Jen Burns** - January 17, 2023 at 10:02 AM

SC

“ To Norma and Family, please accept my deepest sympathies.  
Suzanne Cook

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**Suzanne Cook** - January 15, 2023 at 12:31 PM

JR

“ Aunt Norma, Russ and I are so thankful we got to spend some time with Gary. We so enjoyed our visit. We love him. Our prayers and love to you, Russ and Julie

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**Julie Rathier** - January 15, 2023 at 08:05 AM

JD

“ Norma - so sorry to hear of Gary's death. I know you have strong faith and hoping that, your friends/family and memories will get you through this very difficult time.

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**Jean-Carol Dunham** - January 14, 2023 at 05:51 PM

BC

“ Heaven is surely a better place with you there. I hope someone sends your pipe with you.

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**Bill Chamdrin** - January 14, 2023 at 09:04 AM

BB

“ *Perry, Norma, Debbie, Janet & families... our thoughts are with all of you as you grieve. Gary was good to everybody. I've very fond memories of a snowmobile ride or two and stories, story after story. He was a fighter and now finally has found rest. He will be missed. God bless you all.*

*Ben Burns & family.*

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**Ben Burns** - January 14, 2023 at 08:27 AM

JC

“ *Norma - Keeping you in my thoughts and prayers. Jan Corliss*



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**Jan Corliss** - January 13, 2023 at 07:34 PM

GB

“ *Glenn-Marie Blazys lit a candle in memory of Gary W. Richardson*



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**Glenn-Marie Blazys** - January 13, 2023 at 07:25 PM

DT

“ *Norma- you and Gary have been such a large part of our lives for so many years..Whenever we returned home to the North Country we were always sure of a warm welcome from you both, sharing your lives, your home and Gatu's wonderful quirky sense of humour. Doris Tirrill*

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**Doris Tirrill** - January 13, 2023 at 05:49 PM

FA

“ Gary was quite the character and such an asset to the community. Wally and I send our love to Norma and Perry.

Faith & Wally Adair - January 12, 2023 at 09:08 PM

PB

“ Sending love and condolences to Aunt Norma and Gary's family. Pam and Kenny

Pamela Bishop - January 12, 2023 at 04:02 PM

FO

“ Norma so sorry for your loss. Gary always had a smile and a kind word whenever I saw him. I will dearly miss his daily visits to Solomon's to pick up the paper. He always had some tidbit of information to share. ❤️

Fern Owen - January 12, 2023 at 04:01 PM

LB

“ Norma and family,  
So sorry to hear about Gary! I enjoyed our many chats at the store!  
He had a great sense of humor! He will be greatly missed!  
Lisa, Mike, Katelyn & Nicholas Bouchard

Lisa Bouchard - January 12, 2023 at 02:04 PM

DP

“ My condolences to the whole family! I have such great memories of him from Sunrise Baptist Church. We loved every time they would come back in the winter to congregate with us and seen them leave every spring was hard. Beautiful memories of his love and great spirit towards everyone there stay in our hearts!

Denise Perez - January 12, 2023 at 01:29 PM

GG

*Dear Norma and family, I'm so sorry to read this! We at Sonrise Baptist church loved being your second church family and missed you and Gary so much when you no longer could make the trip. Gary's wry sense of humor was so special. We love you both so much. We'll be praying for peace and comfort for you and the family.*

**Gail Gero** - January 12, 2023 at 02:26 PM



*So sorry for your loss. What a nice person he was. Sending caring hugs to you.*

**Sally Masson** - January 12, 2023 at 05:36 PM

BP

*“ Norma, I'm so sorry to hear of Gary's passing. I have been your neighbor for the last 2 years and had many memorable moments with Gary talking about the old days in town, hunting. Fishing and snowmobiling. I only wish I had more time to sit and chat with him. Gary was an amazing and kind man who was always willing to help friends and neighbors. I will miss my friend and will cherish all the conversations we had about family and life in general. He will truly be missed and I will never forget the man who became my neighbor and friend.*

*Gary, Go rest high on that mountain you are now at pease. God bless !*

*Bob Perry and Family.*

**Bob Perry** - January 12, 2023 at 10:21 AM

LO

*“ Louise lit a candle in memory of Gary W. Richardson*



**Louise** - January 12, 2023 at 09:02 AM

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*I'm so sorry for your loss. Gary sure lit up Solomon's when he came in for his paper's R.I.P Gary 🌸*

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**Louise** - January 12, 2023 at 09:05 AM

FC

“ *Our sympathy to all the family.*



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**Francine & Andre Champagne** - January 12, 2023 at 08:52 AM