



George B. Mahnke

March 15, 1932 - February 26, 2017

COLEBROOK – George B. Mahnke, 84, of Colebrook, passed away at his home on Sunday, Feb. 27, 2017, after many months of declining health.

Born in West Babylon, Long Island, New York, on March 15, 1932, he was the son of the late William and Therese (Bennett) Mahnke. He was raised on Long Island and moved to Maine with his family during his high school years where he met his future wife, Margaret Fletcher. George was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in the signals corps during the Korean conflict.

For many years, George was the chief engineer for the Ex-Lax Company in Brooklyn, NY. He was instrumental in the construction of their new facility in Puerto Rico, as well. When the company moved to Puerto Rico, the Mahnke family moved to Colebrook where George began to drive school bus for the Nugent Motor Co., and working in the housekeeping and maintenance department at The Balsams, eventually retiring again as the laundry department manager after several years of service.

He was an avid reader and devoted fan of John Wayne and Marilyn Monroe movies; George was proud to have met them both at one time. He was a life member of the NRA and member of several other shooting organizations, and enjoyed all forms of shooting sports, re-loading and repairing firearms. He was a member of the VFW, and was a very self-educated man who could fix almost anything. He was a passionate gardener, of both vegetables and flowers, and for many years sold his produce to the local stores and restaurants. George was also a strong supporter of law enforcement and was a member of the Law Enforcement Alliance.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret Mahnke, of Colebrook; two sons, Bennett Mahnke and Karl Mahnke of Colebrook; two daughters, Valerie Mahnke and companion Gary Jobses of Pittsburg, and Lisa Vashaw and husband Robert of Colebrook; one granddaughter, Leela Buffington of Canaan, Vt.; a brother, Ernest Mahnke of Nevada; and four great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his son, Steve, in 1986, and a daughter Cheryl Cavanaugh in 2016; as well as five sisters.

There will be no public calling hours. Interment with military honors will occur in the spring in the Colebrook Village Cemetery of which notice will be given.

Expressions of sympathy in memory of Mr. Mahnke may be made to the NRA, 11250 Waples Mill Road, Fairfax, VA 22030; or online at www.nra.org.

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 in Colebrook.

Cemetery Details

Colebrook Village Cemetery

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

Tribute Wall

 Matt
Jenkins

“ *I so enjoyed dropping by the farm to visit with him and his whole family. I miss them so much. He was a wonderful Man. I wish I could see him one last time to say thanks for the memories.*

Matt Jenkins - March 27, 2017 at 06:16 PM

BM

“ *Uncle George was an extremely well read and knowledgeable man. He was highly respected by us kids growing up.*

Many wonderful memories of his visits to Maine. He always brought vegetables from his enormous gardens for us and Aunt Junie.

He will be greatly missed.

Our prayers are with his family.

Brian McGrath (nephew)

Brian McGrath - March 15, 2017 at 02:31 PM

BD

“ *Betty Day lit a candle in memory of George B. Mahnke*



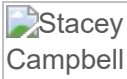
Betty Day - February 28, 2017 at 04:42 AM

RB

“ *Lisa and Valerie, we are so very sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*



Richard & Judy Hunt Budge - February 28, 2017 at 04:17 AM



“ *Stacey Campbell lit a candle in memory of George B. Mahnke*



Stacey Campbell - February 27, 2017 at 07:46 PM

JO

“ *George was so smart- always searching for the right answer. I loved listening to him and hearing what he had to say. Prayers and thoughts are with all of you!*

Jolen - February 27, 2017 at 07:41 PM

BD

“ *my sincere sympathy to lisa, val, karl, and rest of the family. he is at peace and with steve telling stories.*



barbara daley - February 27, 2017 at 06:57 PM



“ *Eva Guy lit a candle in memory of George B. Mahnke*



Eva Guy - February 27, 2017 at 04:41 PM

GJ

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to the Mahnke family on their loss - esp. to Lisa and Bobby. I've gone by the Mahnke residence for almost 40 yrs. every day, and always loved to see his flowers in the summer, and over the years I've visited with them now and then.*

Ginger Jannenga

Ginger Jannenga - February 27, 2017 at 04:38 PM

HH

“ Our deepest condolences go out to the Mahnke family on your loss. I can remember when George donated a goat to the FFA in Colebrook and I was the only one raising goats at that time and I got that goat. It was a billy goat and soon I had goats coming out my ears but it was fun.

Haven & Peggy Haynes - February 27, 2017 at 03:47 PM

TT

“ We are so sad to hear of George's passing. Our thought and prayers are with your family and loved ones. Tammy and Raymond Thivierge

Tammy Thivierge - February 27, 2017 at 03:44 PM