



## Gilles O. Blanchard

February 17, 1940 - November 25, 2014

DERBY, VT — Mr. Gilles O. Blanchard, 74, died at his home in Derby, Vt., on Tuesday evening, Nov. 25, 2014.

He was born in Bonsecours, Qué., on Feb. 17, 1940, one of 19 children to the late Amedée and Aurore (Plante) Blanchard.

In his younger days, Gilles owned and operated a farm in Canaan. He sold it when he was in his mid-20s and then began a career working for himself and others as a logger with Blanchard Trucking. He retired early due to injuries sustained from his work.

Gilles was a true lover of the outdoors. He had a passion for wildlife of all kinds and loved to feed the deer, bear and moose around his home. He was an avid hunter and fisherman. Gilles also loved to spend time with his grandchildren, and he had enjoyed many winters in Florida. He was a former member of the Knights of Columbus.

He is survived by his three children, Michael Blanchard and wife Valerie of Andover, Mass., Eric Blanchard of Derby, Vt., and Colette Grenier and husband Scott of So. Berwick, Me.; five grandchildren, Nicole & Seraphina Blanchard, and Andrew, Ashley & Ronnie Grenier; as well as numerous siblings, nieces and nephews. He also leaves behind his companion of the

last several years, Louise Riendeau of Coaticook, Que.

Gilles is preceded in death by his beloved wife, Nicole (Beloin) Blanchard.

Calling hours will be at the Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home in Colebrook, NH, on Thursday, Dec. 4, from 4 to 7 p.m. A graveside committal service will take place in the spring at St. Brendan's Cemetery in Colebrook, of which notice will be given.

Expressions of sympathy in memory of Mr. Blanchard may be made to a charity of one's choice.

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

Arrangements are under the direction of Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home, Colebrook, NH.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Brendan's Catholic Cemetery

South Main Street  
Colebrook, NH

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 4. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall

Patty  
Pariseau

“ *Michael, Colette, and Eric, Sorry to hear about your Dad. I remember him always being funny and easy to be with, a very nice man. Patty and Michel Pariseau*

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**Patty Pariseau** - December 05, 2014 at 10:26 AM

JF

“ *Dear Mike, Colette and Eric, I am so sorry about the lost of your Dad-he was a friend. My deepest sympathy to all your family, I am Sorry I can not make it there Thursday Night for the calling hours. You are in my thoughts today and please reach out to me, if you need anything!!*

*JAY FINK*

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**Jay Fink** - December 04, 2014 at 07:36 AM

JB

“ *Hi my name is john Blanchard owner operator of JBE TRUCKING. From colebrook nh.I worked for Gilles back in the early 80s.we had alot of good times together. He was a very nice man to work with.sorry I didn't make the time to look him up.I moved away 28 years ago.and moved back 4 years ago to colebrook. Some of his friends and past coworkers are plain on coming to his calling hrs.I just like to give you my condolences now for his families lose.my prayers are with all of you.*

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**john BLANCHARD** - December 03, 2014 at 07:59 PM



“ *Let It Snow was purchased for the family of Gilles O. Blanchard.*



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December 03, 2014 at 03:09 PM



“ *Bonjour, Colette, Michael et Eric, nous voulons vous souhaiter nos sincères condoléances et je suis certaine qu'oncle Gilles et tante Nicole continuerons de veiller sur vous de la haut. Johanne (fille de Rita et Jéhovah)*

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**Johanne Fontaine** - December 03, 2014 at 07:03 AM



“ *Dear Colette, Michael, and Eric, I'm so sorry to hear about the loss of your dad. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.*  
*Beth (Lemay) Kenney*

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**beth kenney** - December 02, 2014 at 05:54 PM



“ *What a wonderful photo! The Mon Oncle Gilles we all know and love and will miss dearly! Colette, Michael and Eric - remember all the happy memories! Heaven will have their hands full with that "troublemaker". Love you all! The Carrier Family*

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**Christine Carrier** - December 01, 2014 at 10:01 PM

CB

“ *The photo you share is just how we remember your dad--with a happy smile. Collette, Michael and Eric, we were so sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.*

*The family of Paul Paquette--Fernande, Carole and Richard*

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**Carole Beauchemin** - December 01, 2014 at 07:09 PM

GD

“ *Gilberte Dupont lit a candle in memory of Gilles O. Blanchard*



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**Gilberte Dupont** - December 01, 2014 at 02:46 PM

ML

“ *Mariann Letarte lit a candle in memory of Gilles O. Blanchard*



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**Mariann Letarte** - December 01, 2014 at 06:50 AM



“ *Splendid Orchids was purchased for the family of Gilles O. Blanchard.*



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November 30, 2014 at 09:46 PM

CH

“ *Claude, Carole Houle lit a candle in memory of Gilles O. Blanchard*



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**Claude, Carole Houle** - November 30, 2014 at 05:10 PM

CH

*Dear Micheal, Colette and Eric we are so sorry to hear about the lost of your Dad our deepest sympathy to all your family also he will be missed by all. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Sincerely,  
Love you guys  
Claude, Carole Houlexx*

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**Claude, Carole Houle** - November 30, 2014 at 05:21 PM

AR

*Condoléances à vous tous. Mes pensées vous accompagnent. Annette Marquis Robidas*

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**Annette Marquis Robidas** - December 04, 2014 at 02:42 PM

SM

“ *Our most sincere sympathy to all of Gilles children and their families, also to his his special lady friend Louissette. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. Very sorry for you loss. Eusebe and Suzanne Madore*

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**Suzanne Madore** - November 30, 2014 at 04:56 PM

JR

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Collette, Michael, and Eric. We are sorry for you loss.

*Marc and Josee Riendeau*

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**Josee Riendeau** - November 30, 2014 at 02:41 PM

CB

“ Nos plus sincères condoléances à toute la famille. Nos pensées sont avec vous.

*Christian, Sophie, William et Renald*



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**Christian BLanchard** - November 30, 2014 at 12:35 PM

JM

“ Dear Collette ,Mike, Eric and Family I am very to sorry to hear of your dads passing. He was such a nice man. Keeping you you in my thoughts and prayers. RIP Gilles <3

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**Joanne Mathieu** - November 29, 2014 at 09:40 PM

TB

“ Gilles was a loving, caring gentle man who I will miss. My sympathy to his family.

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**Tammy Benoit** - November 29, 2014 at 09:10 PM

SC

“ So sorry to hear about your loss. Please accept our deepest sympathies. Suzanne & David Cook

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**Suzanne Cook** - November 29, 2014 at 07:12 PM

KB

“ *Keith And Billie Brockney lit a candle in memory of Gilles O. Blanchard*



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**Keith and Billie Brockney** - November 29, 2014 at 02:49 PM

FC

“ *All our condolences to all the family of Gilles, Louisette, his brothers-in-law Richard & Regis.*

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**Francine & Andre Champagne** - November 28, 2014 at 07:01 PM