



Gilles Champagne

January 3, 1953 - August 27, 2009

COLEBROOK, NH – Mr. Gilles Champagne, 56, of Edwards Street, Colebrook, New Hampshire, passed away early Thursday morning, August 27, 2009, at his home surrounded by his loving family.

Gilles was born January 3, 1953, in Sherbrooke, Quebec, a son of Raymond “Tom” and Fernande (Brochu) Champagne.

Gilles was a graduate of Stratford High School, Class of 1971. He worked a few months for Beecher Falls Division of Ethan Allen and later for Groveton Paper Company until 1977. His interests took him into the woods where he logged with a team of horses and also worked for area logging contractors before establishing his own logging business, GPC Logging, Inc., in 1981. He was dedicated to his business and continued to go to the logging sites even after he was diagnosed with his illness. He was particularly proud of the fact that his son, Lucas, worked with him and will continue operating the logging business.

Gilles was an avid outdoorsman who loved to hunt, fish and snowmobile. He also enjoyed reading, working and riding horses, and he loved his corvettes. He looked forward to his annual vacations with his wife, Pierrette “Pete”, of 34 years, and was dedicated to his family, spending time with his children and grandchildren. He was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, son, brother

and friend, and he will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Gilles is survived by his loving wife, Pierrette "Pete" Champagne of Colebrook, NH; his son, Lucas Champagne and wife, Sheree, of West Stewartstown, NH; his daughter, Kristie Champagne of Colebrook, NH; his mother, Fernande Champagne of Colebrook, NH; two brothers, J. "Andy" Champagne and wife, Kathy, of Groveton, NH, and Yvon Champagne of Manchester, NH; two sisters, Ginette Provencher and husband, Richard, and Gisele Mountain and husband, William, all of Homosasa Springs, FL; three grandchildren, Nicholas, Madeleine and Jacqueline Champagne; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Gilles is preceded in death by his father, Raymond "Tom" Champagne.

Calling hours will be held on Saturday, August 29, 2009, from 3-6 p.m. at the Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home in Colebrook. A private service will be held at the convenience of the family.

Tribute Wall



“ Hi Pete, I was so very sorry to read about Gilles' passing in the paper. My thoughts are with you and your family. Though I only knew him really from seeing him at the bank from time to time, I will often tell the story of the night that I took Melissa to the Moose Festival. We ran into you and Gilles and stopped to visit for a minute. The look on Melissa's face when you introduced yourselves as (Pete) and (Jill) was priceless. A very fond memory.

I hope that you and your family will be able to smile soon and feel better.

Vicki###imported-begin##Vicki (Carney) Paquin###imported-end##

September 03, 2009 at 06:19 PM



“ I'm very sorry about your loss. It's not easy to lose a loved one. I wish you all the best and may God bless you.###imported-begin##Cecile Dion###imported-end##

September 02, 2009 at 08:48 PM



“ I wish to pass on my sympathy for the loss of Gilles. He was a great man. He will be missed by all.###imported-begin##Donald Dion###imported-end##

September 02, 2009 at 08:41 PM



“ To the family of Gilles. We were saddened to hear of Gilles passing. We send our love and sympathy to the family. May the Lord give you the strength you need to get through these difficult days ahead. He was so young. God bless each of the family touched by this great loss.

Love in Christ our Savior,

Bob and Pauline Charest##imported-begin##Bob and Pauline Charest##imported-end##

September 01, 2009 at 09:27 PM



“ Dear Christie & family - We were so sorry to learn that Gilles had passed away. He certainly fought hard to stay with his loved ones and was lovingly cared for during his long illness. We didn't know him very well but heard many stories about him from Krista & Bert. I am sure that all of his friends will have many fond stories about him to share at this time. Take comfort in knowing that he is watching over all of you.##imported-begin##Jason and Donna Laughton##imported-end##

September 01, 2009 at 08:34 PM



“ Pierrette: Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time of sorrow. I got to know Gilles during the short time that we traveled to work at Groveton. We had some good times and became good friends. We also had good times at the house in Columbia. We will always remember him.##imported-begin##George & Kathy Riendeau##imported-end##

August 30, 2009 at 01:19 PM



“ *Pete and Family - Our deepest sympathy to all of you. You are in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Sue and Fred##imported-end##*

August 29, 2009 at 07:59 PM



“ *Pete and family,
I am very sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Jen Fish##imported-end##*

August 29, 2009 at 04:36 PM



“ *Pete, and all the family,
We can't be with you today but please know you are in our prayers. May you feel God's presence, peace and strength through the weeks, and always remember Gilles' love for all of you.
Deb and Peter##imported-begin##Peter & Deb Dimmitt##imported-end##*

August 29, 2009 at 12:45 PM



“ *Our deepest sympathy goes out to you Pete on the loss of your husband. And to your family.##imported-begin##Dick & Kay Webster##imported-end##*

August 29, 2009 at 06:29 AM



“ Pete, Lucas and Kristie - At one of our Balsams gatherings, Gilles told us the story of how he became #1 during one of your vacations - every time I see that "signal", I chuckle. He could always make me laugh. Pete, if there is anything I can do for you, please let me know. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your families. Sincerely, Rosey###imported-begin###Rosey###imported-end###

August 28, 2009 at 06:09 PM



“ Pete and family. I'm so sorry to hear about Gills. I first meet Gills in 1992 when he stoped by and asked me to run his Timco. He was more then just a boss, He was a good close friend. When I see a vet(1972) going down the road, a deer in the field, I will think of him. One other think that will always make me think of him is he did not want to start a new job on a Friday. Always had me cut at least one tree the night before so we could work Friday. If you need anything I can help you with call. Paul###imported-begin###Paul, Norma###imported-end###

August 28, 2009 at 03:15 PM



“ To the Champagne family--very sorry to hear of you loss###imported-begin###Carey Clark###imported-end###

August 28, 2009 at 01:42 PM



“ Pete, Christie and girls -- Sorry to hear about Gilles. If there is anything that we can do for you, please do not hesitate to give us a call. Phil & Jan###imported-begin###Phil and Jan###imported-end###

August 28, 2009 at 11:38 AM



“ Dear Pete, Lucas & Kristie - I am so sorry to learn of Gilles' passing. He was a wonderful man and had a great sense of humor. Please find comfort in your beautiful memories of him. He will be missed by all who knew him. With love, Ann###imported-begin###Ann Champagne###imported-end##

August 28, 2009 at 11:17 AM



“ Nous sommes desole d'avoire recu les nouvelles de Gilles. C'est la vie Pierrette mais c'est jamais facile. Nous pensons a vous...Marcelle est dans l'hospitale a Magog et je ne pense pas d'etre capable conduire a Colebrook; c'est trop loins pour moi...je peut seulement envoyer mes sympathies...

Mon Oncle Lucien & Ma Tante Marcelle###imported-begin###Lucien & Marcelle Dion and Family###imported-end##

August 28, 2009 at 09:06 AM



“ Pete and family,

Ralph and I want to express our deepest sympathies to you all. You have been so strong throughout his illness. We both know that this strength will carry you forward now through grief and healing. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

-Ralph and Sue-###imported-begin###Ralph & Sue Gove###imported-end##

August 28, 2009 at 07:54 AM



“ Pete I am truly so sorry for your loss. Dan##imported-begin##Dan Hickey##imported-end##

August 27, 2009 at 08:03 PM



“ Peter & Family:

I am so sorry to hear about Gilles. Its hard to see someone you love suffer and its also hard to say Good bye. My heart goes out to all of you but keep the memories and each other close. As a friend of mine just told me about the loss of her sister, He made a difference here on earth but heaven must have needed him more.

Kathi##imported-begin##Kathi Paradis##imported-end##

August 27, 2009 at 07:59 PM



“ Dear Pete and Family ~ I am so very sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this time.##imported-begin##Tori Smart##imported-end##

August 27, 2009 at 05:20 PM