



Gilles Edmond Bouchard

October 28, 1930 - May 22, 2009

COLEBROOK, NEW HAMPSHIRE – Mr. Gilles Edmond Bouchard, 78, of Colebrook, New Hampshire, passed away early Friday morning, May 22, 2009, at the Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital in Colebrook.

Gilles was born in Dixville, Province of Québec, on October 28, 1930, a son of the late Arthur and Anna (Cameron) Bouchard.

Gilles moved to the United States at the age of 17, finding employment with the Brown Lumber Co. In 1956, he went to work for Joseph Couture as a chain saw mechanic. He later purchased the business, Colebrook Chain Saw Co., and became a United States citizen in the early 1960s and operated his business until he retired in 1994. He was well known for his expertise in small engine repair, particularly chain saws. From retirement on he looked forward to spending his winter months in Deerfield, Florida, and his summer months in Colebrook. He enjoyed playing horseshoes, shuffleboard, bicycling, gardening and taking long walks. He also greatly enjoyed going to his grandchildren's softball & baseball games.

Gilles is survived by his loving wife, Irene M. (Desmarais) Bouchard of Colebrook, NH; four children, Lise Mahoney and husband, Peter, of Deerfield, NH, Diane Goulart and companion, Dexter Manning, of Newport, NC, Alain Bouchard and wife, Ruth, of Epping, NH, and Michael Bouchard and wife,

Lisa, of Colebrook, NH; a brother, Normand Bouchard of Amos, Province of Québec; a sister, Rita Roy of Granby, Province of Québec; six grandchildren, Chantale Jones, Marcel Goulant, Renée Bouchard, Thomas Bouchard, Katelyn Bouchard and Nicholas Bouchard; two step-grandchildren, Peter Mahoney and Thomas Mahoney; a great-granddaughter, Samantha Jones; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. He is preceded in death by his parents and five siblings.

At the family's request, there will be no calling hours. A Memorial Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, May 27, 2009, at 11:30 a.m. at St. Brendan's Catholic Church in Colebrook with The Reverend Craig Cheney as celebrant. An interment service will immediately follow at St. Brendan's Catholic Cemetery.

Tribute Wall



“ I want to thank all of you who have posted condolences. It means a lot to me and my family.

Lise##imported-begin##Lise Bouchard Mahoney##imported-end##

June 19, 2009 at 04:00 PM



“ Mrs. Bouchard, Mike and family,

So sorry to hear of Gilles passing. I never saw him often in my adult years but as a kid I it seemed like he was always repairing a chainsaw. He was a good man and a hard worker. I know you will miss him deeply.

Sincerely,

Dennis Couture##imported-begin##Dennis Couture##imported-end##

May 30, 2009 at 01:09 PM



“ Hello Gilles Family,

My condolences go out to you all, Madame Bouchard, Lise, Diane, Alan and Michael and your families. I attended you dad memorial service this morning and would of love to be able to spend some time with each of you after however my commitments would not let me. As I listened to Lise talk about your dad it reminded me of the times I spent at your home growing up and afterwards when I visited your dad store with my husband Gilles and son Lucas. I want to thank you Lise for the extra time you spent in the 4th grade to assist me with understanding what Sister Robert was teaching us when I first moved to the US and could not speak or understand English. Your patience at such a young age was remarkable. Your dad store was such a meeting place for all the individuals that worked in the woods. My husband Gilles was at your dad store very often as his trade is logging. Our son Lucas who will be 30 in July remembers going to the store as a young boy with Gilles and sitting on the counter eating those chocolate bars that your dad sold and had on display by the cash register. Your dad and I had a long talk last summer, about his cancer and he mentioned the good health care he was receiving and wanted me to pass that information on to my husband since he too battles with cancer. I greatly appreciated that talk, he really cared. Remember all the wonderful time you had with your dad they will comfort you in the days ahead. Your dad will never be far from your thoughts, something will happen in your life and there your dad's memories will be front and center. My dad has been gone 40 years this pass spring and I still remember different things that happen to me especially when I visit our logging operation since that was my dad life also. Stay close as a family and talk about the happy times at family gatherings and the pain will ease a little at a time.

*Gilles and Pierrette Champagne##imported-begin##Pierrette
Gregoire Champagne##imported-end##*

May 27, 2009 at 02:09 PM



“ Michael and Family, We are so sorry to hear about your Dad. Always remember the good times together.##imported-begin##Dennis & Rita Johnson##imported-end##

May 26, 2009 at 07:12 PM



“ Mike, Lisa and Family, our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.##imported-begin##Rick & Michelle Gamache##imported-end##

May 25, 2009 at 07:21 PM



“ Mike, Lisa and family - all my thoughts and prayers at this time. "I will always remember your Dad, and all the great yard equipment we got from him over the years. He always waved or said Hi whenever he drove by or we ran into each other.##imported-begin##Ginger Jannenga##imported-end##

May 24, 2009 at 12:35 PM



“ Mike & family,

Our condolences for your loss. Your father could get most any saw working.##imported-begin##Haven L. Haynes Jr. & Peggy Haynes##imported-end##

May 23, 2009 at 01:29 PM