



## Gloria F. Parkhurst

July 16, 1933 - May 22, 2016

COLEBROOK – Gloria Freida Hikel Parkhurst, 82, went home to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on Sunday afternoon, May 22, 2016, at the Coös County Nursing Hospital in West Stewartstown, with her family by her side and after a period of failing health.

She was born in Canaan, Vt., on July 16, 1933, the only child of the late Harry C. Hikel, Sr., and Dorothy 'Dot' (Duff) Covieo. She spent the majority of her childhood growing up in Canaan with her grandparents, Henry & Maude (Haynes) Duff. She attended Groveton Elementary School for 4 years and then returned to Canaan for the remainder of her school years. She graduated from CMHS in 1951. While in high school, she played trumpet in the band.

Gloria later attended Lyndon Teacher's College in Lyndonville, Vt, and she graduated from Faith Baptist Bible College & Seminary in Hudson, NH, with a degree in Christian education. She later earned her Master's degree and began to pursue a Ph.D.

She was married to Erwin Parkhurst in 1953 and they had three daughters, Norine, Sheila and Lori.

Gloria taught in many public schools in the north country of NH and Vermont. She was one of the first teachers of the Vershire Program and also spent 9

years teaching in three different missionary schools in Costa Rica. She taught piano lessons for many years, too, and also was a church pianist in many Baptist churches, nursing homes and for many local senior activities. She played trumpet for many years in her brother, Cecil Hikel's North Country Band, and she was a member of the Civil Air Patrol.

She was a member of the Independent Baptist Church in W. Stewartstown for 17 years, and lived at Colby Commons in Colebrook for 18 years. She was a member of the local HOAP program and the Metallak Retired Teachers Assn. Gloria loved to travel and had been to 40 of the 50 states, including Hawaii. She also traveled to Mexico, many of the Canadian provinces, Europe and especially enjoyed her trip to Jerusalem and the Holy Lands.

Gloria is survived by her three daughters, Norine Lyn Sabine and husband Ralph of Bridgewater, Me., Sheila J. Parkhurst and partner Cathy Felch of Colebrook, and Laurice 'Lori' Berry MacDonald and husband James of Lisbon, NH; four grandchildren, Angela Pearson and husband John of Richmond, Me., Michael Sabine of Lebanon, Me., Melyssa Lyn Howry and husband Derrick of Berlin, NH, and Lindsay May Chase and husband Brian of Webster, NH; 13 great-grandchildren, Christopher Wright, Nicholas Wright, Danyelle Wright, Damien Wright, Amanda Wright, Aaron Sabine, Ryan Sabine, Nathan Sabine, Devon and Brody Chase, Chloe Howry, Elijah Howry and Judah Howry; one great-great grandchild, Riley James Wright; her half-siblings, Harry 'Bud' Hikel, Jr. and wife Sue of Lancaster, Cecil Hikel and wife Linda of Canaan, Theodora 'Teddie' Shawver of Oregon, Marie Elwyn and husband Peter of NH; a step-sister, Debra Roakes and husband Kenneth of Colebrook; as well as numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was pre-deceased by her half-brother George Hikel, her former husband Erwin Parkhurst in 2003, and her step-father, Willard Covieo in 2003.

The family will receive visitors at the Independent Baptist Church in West Stewartstown on Tuesday, May 31, 2016, from 10 to 11 a.m. A memorial service will immediately follow at the church at 11 a.m., with interment to follow at the Colebrook Village Cemetery. Pastor Paul Levang will officiate.

Expressions of sympathy in memory of Gloria may be made to the Independent Baptist Church, Washington St., W. Stewartstown, NH 03597; or to Canaan Memorial High School, c/o Debbie Lynch, for the benefit of the music department, School St., Canaan, VT, 05903.

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

Funeral arrangements in NH 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

# Previous Events

## Service

MAY 31. 11:00 AM (ET)

Independent Baptist Church  
U.S. Route 3, Washington St.  
West Stewartstown, NH

# Tribute Wall

AC

“ I miss working with her. adam chilafoe

adam chilafoe - June 08, 2016 at 12:26 PM

DC

“ My sincere sympathies to Norine, Sheila, who was in my class, Lori & families on the loss of your Mother. I remember her as always having a smile on her face. May all the memories you shared with your Mother help to get you through this sad time.....  
She lives on in all you girls and her GRAND children.....

Take care, Darlene Klebe Cote' & family

Darlene Cote - May 31, 2016 at 08:18 PM

FA

“ I enjoyed your mom so much when we had our little chats. She always had a bit of news to share about one of you girls or the grandchildren. She remembered my birthday every year because it was the same day as Lori's. Faith and Wally

Faith Adair - May 30, 2016 at 11:29 AM



“ Sympathy Fruits Abound was purchased for the family of Gloria F. Parkhurst.



May 30, 2016 at 09:34 AM

SD

“ Heartfelt condolences to Gloria's family. -Sandi Collins Duval and Pete Duval

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**Sandi Collins Duval** - May 30, 2016 at 08:49 AM

SS

“ Sad to hear of Gloria's passing. I have lost my favorite babysitter. My condolences to all of her family.

*Sandy Stevens*

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**Sandy Stevens** - May 28, 2016 at 07:12 AM

WV

“ Norine, Sheila, and Lori, I am so sorry about your mom. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your families. -- Berta Veale

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**Wilberta Veale** - May 28, 2016 at 04:43 AM

PL

“ Such a nice lady, so sorry for your loss!

*Gilles and Priscilla Lambert*

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**Priscilla Lambert** - May 27, 2016 at 02:25 PM

HH

“ Our deepest condolences go out to the entire Parkhurst family on your loss.

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**Haven & Peggy Haynes** - May 26, 2016 at 11:05 PM

FJ

“ From your friends and family at Ben & Jerry's purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Gloria F. Parkhurst.



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**From your friends and family at Ben & Jerry's** - May 26, 2016  
at 08:23 AM

SB

“ Sheila and family, Sam and I were happy we spoke with Gloria at the breakfast . She was a happy and interesting person and we always enjoyed speaking with her. She will be missed. Sam and Joan Bird

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**Sam and Joan Bird** - May 25, 2016 at 04:04 PM

RE

“ Glorious Gloria will be missed, she was loved by all.

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**Rebecca** - May 25, 2016 at 12:41 PM

KD

“ Kim And Danny lit a candle in memory of Gloria F. Parkhurst



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**Kim and Danny** - May 25, 2016 at 01:10 AM

CG

“ *Sheila and Cathy: You were so blessed to have her as your mom. I cherished our friendship in later life, and the years of piano lessons I will never forget. She is with our Lord and Savior and rejoicing.*

*Cindy Grassi*

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**cindy grassi** - May 24, 2016 at 08:29 PM

JK

*Amen! She is!!!! AMEN!!!!*

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**Jane Kirk** - May 25, 2016 at 05:58 AM

BB

“ *Sincere sympathy to all of Gloria's family and friends. She is home.*

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**Brenda Boop** - May 24, 2016 at 04:21 PM

BL

“ *Sincerest condolences to Gloria's family. Cousin Bob and Sally Lee*

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**Bob Lee** - May 24, 2016 at 03:17 PM

GJ

“ *Sheila - so sorry to hear of your mother's passing. I remember chatting with her a lot back when we had a walking group here in town., So, may she rest in peace - I'm sure she is.*

*Ginger Jannenga*

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**Ginger Jannenga** - May 24, 2016 at 03:01 PM

RB

“ *Sincere condolences to all the family. May she rest in peace.*

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**Randall Brungot** - May 24, 2016 at 09:49 AM

PR

“ Prudy lit a candle in memory of Gloria F. Parkhurst



Prudy - May 24, 2016 at 09:36 AM

MA

“ Marycote lit a candle in memory of Gloria F. Parkhurst



marycote - May 24, 2016 at 08:10 AM

MA


*rip gloria*

marycote - May 24, 2016 at 08:10 AM

SD

“ Deapest condolences to Gloria's daughters and their families.

Sandi Duval - May 24, 2016 at 06:58 AM

 Katrina Cross

“ I had the pleasure of being around Gloria when I worked a few years at Senior Meals (Colby Commons)....she was always sporting a smile and always something kind to say....thinking of her family. May she rest in peace.

Katrina Cross - May 24, 2016 at 05:32 AM

BN

“ *My condolences to you Girls for your loss*

**Bob Noyes** - May 24, 2016 at 04:38 AM



“ *My sincere condolences to all of Gloria's family.*

**Joy Frizzell** - May 23, 2016 at 10:37 PM



“ *Gloria was such a sweet and special lady. She is going to be missed by many. She was always smiling. My condolences and prayers for the family.*  
*Linda Blanchard*



**Linda Blanchard** - May 23, 2016 at 09:30 PM

CB

“ *Cindy Brigham lit a candle in memory of Gloria F. Parkhurst*



**Cindy Brigham** - May 23, 2016 at 09:00 PM

JK

“ I am so so so happy to have met Gloria over these past 6 years that I have lived in the northernmost north! She was a great 'sister' to me, in Jesus! and she also brought me out to buy my first senior citizens meal a few years back.

I will never forget how she LOVED to play that piano! ... and how she could light up a room with her presence.

Jesus is our best friend and I know she is so so happy to be HOME! I had her give my mom a hug for me (and I know she did!) Keep the faith 'kids' ... we have an amazing home coming to look forward to one fine day! That will be the TRUE LIFE! I'll miss her until we meet again. She IS a great lady.

Jane Kirk  
Pittsburg, NH

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**Jane Kirk** - May 23, 2016 at 08:45 PM

JO

“ Such a beautiful lady- I enjoyed spending time with her and listening to her stories. Such talent- I will miss her.

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**Jolen** - May 23, 2016 at 08:20 PM

GP

“ Lori and family so sorry in the hoe going of Mrs. Parkhurst. She signed George and my marriage certificate back in 1983. May she rest in peace with our Lord. Be Encouraged

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**George & Daron Phillips** - May 23, 2016 at 06:35 PM

GP

That should have been home going. Couldn't edit after the post.  
Blessings

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**George & Daron Phillips** - May 23, 2016 at 06:37 PM

ED

“ *Lori and family,  
What a full and beautiful life your Mom had in service to the Lord...  
She is in Glory now receiving her reward for a life well lived* ❤️

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**Elaine Doherty** - May 23, 2016 at 05:13 PM

JK

*AMEN!!!!*


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**Jane Kirk** - May 23, 2016 at 08:47 PM

JB

“ *Sheila, I am so very sorry to hear about your  
Mom. My thoughts and prayers are with you  
and your family*



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**Judy Hunt Budge** - May 23, 2016 at 04:06 PM

 Tricia  
Ellingwood

“ *Tricia Ellingwood lit a candle in memory of  
Gloria F. Parkhurst*



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**Tricia Ellingwood** - May 23, 2016 at 03:51 PM

LV

“ Our heartfelt condolences go out to Lori, Sheila and Norine; as well as the rest of the families. Gloria was such a sweet, happy person, she made everyone around her feel happy; too. We will miss that beautiful smile, and wonderful personality. God Bless her, and keep her safe in his arms.



*Lisa and Bob Vashaw*

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**Lisa Vashaw** - May 23, 2016 at 03:46 PM

TT

“ Sheila and family, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I hold you all in my thoughts and prayers. May God Bless you all

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**Tammy Thivierge** - May 23, 2016 at 03:41 PM

JD

“ Jane Dustin lit a candle in memory of Gloria F. Parkhurst



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**Jane Dustin** - May 23, 2016 at 03:25 PM

JD

So sorry to hear the news of the passing of Gloria. She was a wonderful lady, always laughing and happy, so full of life and enjoyed everything and everyone. I remember her during the years Of attending the Baptist Church and had met her. Lovely lady, so sorry to the family and friends for the loss.

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**Jane Dustin** - May 23, 2016 at 03:27 PM

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“ Norine, Sheila, Lori and families, Please know that Roland and I were so sad to hear of the passing of your mom. We know this is a difficult time for you. Please accept our deepest condolences. You are in our thoughts and prayers. God bless, Patty and Roland Hart

{syyu zjsty Patty Hart - May 23, 2016 at 03:14 PM

JC

“ Jan And Phil Corliss lit a candle in memory of Gloria F. Parkhurst



Jan and Phil Corliss - May 23, 2016 at 02:51 PM

JC

Norine, Sheila and Lori - I always loved visiting with your mother. No matter where we met, she always stopped to "chat". We had many interesting visits when she and Mom both lived at Colby Commons. She was a wonderful woman who was full of spunk. So sorry for your loss. <3

Jan and Phil Corliss - May 23, 2016 at 02:53 PM

DK

“ Norine, Sheila and Lori  
You are in my thoughts and prayers. I am sorry for your loss, but I am hoping each of you know how much she gave to others. I myself was lucky to have had her as a friend and oh some of the memories have such laughter in the thoughts.  
Heaven gained a truly Christian woman who lived life.  
Hugs to all, I will celebrate her life this week as you let your Mom walk on before us.

Dianne (deeDee) Kinder - May 23, 2016 at 12:54 PM

KE

*I was the OWLS Program Coordinator at the rec center in Colebrook and I just loved Gloria. She walked most days and always brought a smile to people's faces. She was a lovely woman and I will cherish the time I spent with her*

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**Karen Everett** - May 23, 2016 at 02:18 PM