



Graham B. Watson

February 28, 1953 - May 28, 2021

E. COLEBROOK – Graham B. Watson, 68, of Colebrook, passed away on Friday morning, May 28, 2021, at the Coos County Nursing Hospital after a months-long struggle with cancer.

He was born in Nashua, N.H., on Feb. 28, 1953, a son to the late Edward and Nancy (Brewer) Watson.

Graham was a life-long New Hampshire resident. He spent his early years on the Watson family farm in Hollis, and age 16 he moved with his family to Colebrook. He graduated from Hollis High School, attended the University of N.H., and settled permanently in Colebrook and lived an uncomplicated life offered by the north country. While in Colebrook, he obtained a certificate as a diesel mechanic through a correspondence course, a predecessor to present-day online classes.

Graham had many talents. Some went largely unrecognized due to his private and modest nature. He was a mechanic, a gifted welder, a sawyer who could single-handedly lift massive logs, and a compassionate animal caretaker. Graham was employed by Nash Equipment for many years as a mechanic which allowed him to make friends over discussions on the ins and outs of the machinery business, as well as the prospects for a Red Sox pennant each year. During his last good years, he straightened the ridge line of the

enormous barn on the family farm on Diamond Pond Road. Graham loved his apple trees and was proud of the small house that he worked to make his own by adding a library to house his many books. A noteworthy "Graham" stance is that all books were non-fiction because (as he always said) "they really happened," whereas "fiction did not happen." Years after reading a book, he could convey numerous details derived from his readings.

Most of all, Graham had a big presence, was strong and kind, and accepting of everyone. He was a good neighbor and member of the his small community of Upper Kitteridge where his second family, Ernest "Tink" and Patty Clark reside. Not to be forgotten was his love for cats.

Graham leaves behind his two siblings, Lynn Watson and Bruce (Susan) Watson; a sister-in-law, Gail (Chapple) Watson; a niece, Erin, and four nephews: Eli, Ethan, Patrick and Jonah. In addition, he is survived by three great-nieces and four great-nephews.

He is predeceased by a younger brother, James Watson.

Calling hours will be held on Sunday, June 6, 2021, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home in Colebrook. A graveside interment service will be held the next morning, Monday, June 7, at 10 a.m. in the Colebrook Village Cemetery.

Expressions of sympathy in memory of Graham may be made to Second Chance Cat Rescue in Littleton, NH; or to a food bank of one's choice, as Graham was concerned about the pandemic causing food insecurity for so many people.

Condolences may be offered to the family on-line by going to www.jenkinsnewman.com.

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to the care of Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home, Colebrook, NH.

Cemetery Details

Colebrook Village Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 6. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

Graveside Service

JUN 7. 10:00 AM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall

EK

“ Condolences to Graham's family. He was an exceptional man with a warm smile and always made the time to stop and chat.
Emily and Bruce Katz

Emily (Perina) Katz - June 08, 2021 at 01:54 PM

GW

“ Graham was a gentle and kind cousin who loved his family and was appreciated by those who knew him in the extended family and community. He now joins his brother and parents in heaven. Such a smart and mechanical guy; his saw mill was amazing to watch in action--lots of power and dangerous sharp teeth and moving parts. Wow! He was the only guy I know who had a bench bus seat for his sofa in his living room back in the 1970s!

Gavin Watson - June 07, 2021 at 07:58 PM

CR

“ With sympathy to Graham's extended family. A good neighbor and fellow CA graduate who always had a friendly wave and smile.

Cindy Roy - June 04, 2021 at 08:42 PM

GF

“ Gail Watson Barber & Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Graham B. Watson.



Gail Watson Barber & Family - June 03, 2021 at 04:37 PM

SA

“Graham was such a wonderful cousin to know. My two children got to know him a little bit and they and myself got a private tour of the little house he built in Colebrook. Back in 1976, Graham gave my brother Rich Watson and I a tour of the saw mill he built with a Grehound bus engine. I will always remember how sweet and caring he was and that he possessed a fun sense of humor.

Sarah Watson Anderson - June 03, 2021 at 02:15 PM

LB

“What a wonderful soul! Always had a smile and truly cared about people!
RIP, Graham!
Lisa, Michael, Katelyn & Nicholas Bouchard

LISA Bouchard - June 02, 2021 at 04:27 PM

LH

“Always a kind word, and a smile.....a gentle giant.

Lisa Hebert - June 02, 2021 at 03:25 PM

JF

“Even though Graham was an old-fashioned basketball player, he sure loved the "new" three-point shots! My jaw is grateful that Graham wore elbow pads when he played pickup hoops at the Colebrook gym back in the day.....

Jon Frizzell - June 02, 2021 at 01:55 PM

SK

Such a gentle man

sandy kent - June 03, 2021 at 08:43 AM

AC

“ Ann McKinnon Champagne lit a candle in memory of Graham B. Watson



Ann McKinnon Champagne - June 02, 2021 at 01:19 PM

KP

“ When I think about “home” I fondly remember Graham. An unassuming, kind hearted man who always made a point to say hello, ask how things were going. I met Graham when I was working at Clarkeies in the courtesy booth where Graham would come to cash his pay checks. I always looked forward to seeing him. Then when I was making my way to college, he was excited for me. I would work on school breaks and when I saw Graham, we would catch up. 24 years since I left Colebrook for college and even with that it wouldn't matter where it was that I saw Graham, he would come up and say “hi Kara” and proceed to ask me about me and really care what the answers were. He followed my career past high school, to St A's, my work at the Elliot and now with hospice, always saying he was proud. Well, I am proud for knowing you Graham. Fly high Mr Watson, you were a true rarity among humans and I feel so lucky to have known you 💙 Kara Payer-Sweatt

Kara Payer-Sweatt - June 01, 2021 at 08:46 PM

BJ

“ To Lynn, Bruce and Gail sorry for your loss, having grown up in the same neighborhood when hay season came around couldn't drive by the farm without Nancy or Ed outside waving us bye. He is now at peace and with Jimmy, mom and dad.



Barbara (Lyons)Daley and Joe - June 01, 2021 at 08:39 PM

B(

sorry about that Barbara(Lyons)Daley

Barbara (Lyons)Daley - June 01, 2021 at 08:41 PM

DC

Gail, Bruce, Lynn and families, Our Heartfelt Sympathy to you all. Praying that all the wonderful memories you have of Graham through the years will help you through this sad time. Hope you have some comfort knowing that he is with his brother, Jim and loving parents.....

DARLENE COTE - June 02, 2021 at 07:11 PM

BB

“ *Lots of wonderful memories, a true gentle giant. Our thoughts go out to all his friends and family.*

Becky (Laramee) Borry - June 01, 2021 at 08:05 PM

CC

“ *So many fond memories, the purple car he owned, he'd let me put it in gear (6 years old) and take to the the store, loved that car. I was little he would put me on his shoulders to watch the bears at the Balsams. Watching him lift huge logs by hand to put on the band at his sawmill. Be able to recite history and help me when I had homework questions.*

Drinking his big Bertha's. He was a part of our family and will be deeply missed. RIP Graham. 😭

Carey Clark - June 01, 2021 at 07:55 PM

CK

“ *He was funny,and sincere as a person,he always made u feel welcome,and was a friend to all he will be missed in this community*

Charlene Kuell - June 01, 2021 at 05:31 PM

JT

“ Warm thoughts and condolences to my long ago Hollis neighbors. Grahams kind soul is at peace.
Janet Lysik Tombarello

Janet Tombarello - June 01, 2021 at 05:24 PM

HH

“ Our deepest condolences go out to the family on your loss. I can remember working for the Watsons haying and I learned very quickly that my job was to get the bales to Graham and stay out of the way. He was as they say a gentle giant.

Haven Haynes - June 01, 2021 at 03:27 PM

FN

“ Fondly, Nancy purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Graham B. Watson.



Fondly, Nancy - June 01, 2021 at 02:25 PM

JE

“ My condolences to the friends and family of Graham. Graham would often stop in at the store I worked at and we would exchange stories about our cats. Graham was a kind person with a beautiful soul. RIP Graham. It was truly a pleasure to know you 🙏

Jenn Eldred - June 01, 2021 at 12:52 PM

EB

“ *Eric Brungot lit a candle in memory of
Graham B. Watson*



Eric Brungot - June 01, 2021 at 12:14 PM



“ *Our thoughts and condolences go out to the family of Graham.
Tom and Linda*

Linda Yorke - May 31, 2021 at 07:43 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the
family of Graham B. Watson.*



May 31, 2021 at 05:52 PM