



## Hilda M. Lemay

June 21, 1925 - June 20, 2025

CANAAN— Hilda Mary Lemay, of Canaan, passed away peacefully at her home on Lake Wallace on Friday, June 20, 2025, one day shy of her 100th birthday.

She was born in Andover, Mass., on June 21, 1925, a daughter to the late Emanuel and Mary (Chason) Gaudet. She was raised in Massachusetts and was a 1943 graduate of Essex Agricultural High School.

Hilda was a caregiver for children for most of her adult life. In addition to raising her own seven children, she was a nanny for four successive families, helping to raise nine more. She worked as a teachers' aide and library aide for the Canaan school, and she worked in the school cafeteria as a cook. She was a short-order cook for a time at the Spa Restaurant and at Ray Frechette's store on the corner of Rt. 253. She loved to sew, knit and do counted cross-stich, and she also loved to cook and bake. She was an avid reader and loved to do word search puzzles. She was a talented singer, loved to dance and yodel, and it never took much convincing to get her to participate in a local talent show. Hilda was a member of the Canaan Women's Club and the American Legion Auxiliary. She had a "green thumb," as well, and loved to tend to her flower gardens and house plants. But time spent at family get-togethers and being with her children and grandchildren is what she cherished the most.

At the time of her passing, Hilda was the holder of the Boston Post Cane for the Town of Canaan as its most senior citizen, being presented with it in Dec., 2021.

Hilda is survived by her seven children, Norma (Victor) Jubinvile of Whitinsville, Mass., Barbara Lemay of Hooksett, N.H., Susan (John) Stanley of Londonderry, N.H., Donald (Rose) Lemay of E. Hampstead, N.H., Russell (Andrea) Lemay of Raymond, N.H., Leonard (Cindy) Lemay of Norton, Vt., and Beth Kenney of Canaan; a brother, Donald Gaudet; her sister-in-law, Yvonne Arlequeeuw; 22 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

She is predeceased by her husband, Norman F. Lemay in 2001; her beloved step-mother, Loretta Gaudet; three brothers, Eddie Gaudet, Raymond Gaudet, and Gerard Gaudet; and two sisters, Rita Gallant and Leona Vallierre.

Visiting hours will be on Sunday, July 20, 2025, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home in Colebrook. A memorial Mass will be held the next morning, Monday, July 21, at 11 a.m. at St. Albert's Catholic Church in W. Stewartstown, with interment to immediately follow at the Assumption Cemetery at Lake Wallace.

Expressions of sympathy in memory of Hilda may be made to the American Legion, Post 47, Kingsley Road, Canaan, VT 05903; or to the Orleans Essex VNA & Hospice, 46 Lakemont Rd., Newport, VT 05855 (online at [orleansessexvna.org](http://orleansessexvna.org)).

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

Arrangements are entrusted to the care of Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home in Colebrook.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL **20**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home  
103 Main Street  
Colebrook, NH

## Memorial Mass

JUL **21**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Albert's Catholic Church  
10 Church St  
West Stewartstown, NH 03597  
(603) 246-8829

# Tribute Wall



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Hilda M. Lemay.*



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July 17, 2025 at 05:33 PM



“ *My sincere condolences to the entire Lemay family*

*Aunty Hilda will forever be a source of cherished memories for me. Whether it was traveling to Vermont to see her and Uncle Norman or at family reunions, she brought joy to every gathering, and I truly valued the moments I shared with her. Wherever Aunty Hilda was, there was laughter! I looked forward to receiving a Christmas card from her every year! The needlepoint she crafted for me is a keepsake I will cherish forever, and it will always have a prominent spot in my home. You'll be in my heart forever!*



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**Michelle Arlequeeuw** - June 29, 2025 at 06:40 PM

YA

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Yvonne Arlequeeuw - June 27, 2025 at 04:59 PM

RL

“ Beth, Lenny and family— It was always a delight to visit with your Mom. Always had a smile and of good cheer. Her obituary is so well done and shares all her sparkle for life. She will be so missed

Rita Laferriere - June 26, 2025 at 10:02 AM

AS

“ We are so sorry for the loss of your beloved Mom, Russ & Lenny!  
Praying for you all!  
With Love,  
Al & Mona

Al & Mona Schreyack - June 25, 2025 at 07:14 PM

LM

“ So very sorry for your loss. Prayers for the family.  
I remember when she did a talent show ( I'm sure she did more than one 😊), and my grandparents were in it as well ( the Covieos). It was a lot of fun to watch!  
Hang on to the good memories and Happy times. Our thoughts are with during this time of loss.  
Blessings, Lori (Parkhurst) and Jim MacDonald  
Presently in Franklin NH

Lori MacDonald - June 25, 2025 at 05:16 PM

HK

*Dear Susan and John , our thoughts are with you during this time of loss , love Maura and Howie*

**Howard Kosrofian** - June 26, 2025 at 01:27 PM

RD

“ *So sorry for your loss*

**Richard Dagesse** - June 24, 2025 at 07:19 PM

JH

“ *Hilda was a truly remarkable person always with a smile, a laugh and a tune and maybe even a jig.  
I will always remember our car trip to Quebec when you, Sue and I bought matching hats. I can't find mine anywhere but if I could I surely take it off to you for your glorious long and loving life.  
May God continue to hold you in the palm of his hand along with your precious family.  
With sadness and love to all.  
Judy and Bill Hallock*

**Judy and Bill Hallick** - June 24, 2025 at 07:06 PM

BB

“ *Beth, Lenny, and family. Our thoughts are with you as you grieve. I remember your Mom well. Take good care, God bless.*

*Ben Burns  
Georgia, VT.*

**Ben Burns** - June 24, 2025 at 06:54 PM



“ Dear Hilda, You were always such a good natured person and made us all laugh a lot. We were all blessed to have you in our lives. I'll always cherish all the fond memories I have of you.

Yvonne Arlequeeuw - June 24, 2025 at 02:48 PM

JF

“ Sorry for your loss, sending hugs. Tom and Jane Frizzell

Jane frizzell - June 23, 2025 at 07:22 PM

KS

“ I was just thinking about her the other day and all the countless COLD swimming lessons 🏊♀ held on the beach at her house. Wishing they were still available for the kids today and how much she would enjoy watching them. So sorry for the family's loss. She was a wonderful lady. 😇❤

Kim Sweatt - June 23, 2025 at 05:51 PM

TB

“ Our sincere condolences to Hilda's family.....she was such a sweet lady.

Tal & Maureen Blanchard - June 23, 2025 at 02:05 PM

FC

“ So sorry for your loss Beth and family for loss of such a wonderful woman.

Francine Champagne and Andre Champagne - June 23, 2025 at 11:39 AM