



Howard F. Carney

May 15, 1927 - March 11, 2025

STEWARTSTOWN – Howard F. Carney, 97, of Stewartstown, died at the Coös County Nursing Hospital in W. Stewartstown on Tuesday, March 11, 2025, surrounded by his family.

He was born in West Stewartstown on May 15, 1927, a son to the late Max and Bessie (Bunnell) Carney. At the age of 17, Howard joined the U.S. Army during World War II. As a member of the 1st Infantry Division, he saw combat action in Germany, worked in the motor pool as a mechanic, and towards the end of his service was stationed as a guard at the Nuremberg Trials of infamous Nazi war criminals.

Upon his return home, Howard set about a long working life as a jack-of-all-trades. For many years, he worked on the family farm as well as helping at several of the neighboring farms. He managed the Coös County farm for 27 years. He helped to build roads throughout the area, including much of Rt. 114 in Canaan, and he served as the road agent for Stewartstown for more than 15 years. Along with his family, he grew and harvested Christmas trees. He also built many homes for his friends and family, and loved to build log playhouses for his children and grandchildren. He was a founder and active member of the Stewartstown Day Committee for many years. At the time of his passing, Howard was the holder of the Boston Post Cane for Stewartstown as its most senior citizen.

Howard enjoyed playing cards, especially the game “73,” and he loved to joke around with his family, especially the grandchildren. Attending his brother, Jesse’s, auctions was always a favorite pastime, and he also enjoyed watching westerns on TV, and watching the Celtics play basketball.

Howard and his wife loved to dance, and often could be found doing just that at the old Woodlands, the Northland, Rocky Lane, or the Cow Palace. For several years, they enjoyed winter get-aways to their place in Panama City, Fla. Both he and Colleen would often be seen on their porch, watching the traffic go by their home.

He is survived by three children, David Berry of Stewartstown, Peter (Betty) Carney of Stewartstown, and Kelly (John) Bolens of Canaan; two brothers, Sherman (Sherry) Carney of Viroqua, Wisc., and Jesse Carney of Stewartstown; nine grandchildren, Jonathan Bolens, Heather Cross, Melissa and Paul Carney, Colter and Emma Berry, Christian Browne, Katie Rainville, and Aimee Berry; and five great-grandchildren, Gwendalynn Bolens, Carson and Jaxx Cross, Brayden Carney, and Nash Rainville.

Howard is predeceased by his wife of more than 60 years, Colleen (Bunnell) Carney in January; a son, Michael Berry in 2016; four siblings, Wilmont and Donald Carney, and Nellie Smith, and Leo Carney as a small child; and a great-granddaughter, Hannah Cross.

There are no public calling hours. The family will celebrate both Howard’s & Colleen’s lives on Saturday, June 7, at their home on Rt. 3, beginning at Noon. A graveside interment will immediately precede the celebration at 10 a.m. in the Colebrook Village Cemetery.

Expressions of sympathy in memory of Mr. Carney may be made to the CCNH

Resident Activity Fund, c/o P.O. Box 10, W. Stewartstown, NH 03597.

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

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

Cemetery Details

Colebrook Village Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUN 7. 12:00 PM (ET)

Carney Home
73 U.S. Route 3
Stewartstown, NH 03597

Tribute Wall

CR

“ *Condolences to the Carney family, a mainstay of character in Stewartstown!*

Cindy Roy - June 04, 2025 at 01:18 PM

WK

“ *Wendy Munn Kirk lit a candle in memory of Howard F. Carney*



Wendy Munn Kirk - April 01, 2025 at 07:21 PM

AB

“ *Thinking about you Katie, Aimee and family. Your grandparents were beautiful people 🙏*



Angela Belanger - March 25, 2025 at 08:36 AM

EK

“ *David, Peter, and Kelly and families, we send our deepest sympathies for both of your parents. They were quite the dynamic duo. We will fondly remember them both. Emmy and Bruce Katz*

Emmy Katz - March 21, 2025 at 10:12 AM

JH

“ *Judi Hanson lit a candle in memory of Howard F. Carney*



judi hanson - March 21, 2025 at 08:10 AM

CM

“ *Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. We will always remember Howard with a smile.*



Cindy McClain - March 18, 2025 at 09:23 AM

RH

“ *Scott and Roxanne Haynes lit a candle in memory of Howard F. Carney. Our sympathies to all of Howard's family. May he rest in peace as he is reunited with Colleen.*



Roxanne Haynes - March 14, 2025 at 01:46 PM

BB

“ David, Peter, Kelly, and families. My thoughts are with you as you grieve. Without exaggeration and much more than a phrase, Howard touched my life in many ways. He was one the best neighbors any family on the "riva" could ask for. Our garage and barn at my family home stands because of him. I worked for Howard for several years at the County. I learned so much from him, mostly good. I never, not once, saw that man get excited. One of the kindest and wisest men I've ever had the pleasure of knowing. He will always be in my memories. I'll miss him every day.

Ben Burns - March 14, 2025 at 01:12 PM

JS

“ Jana, Zaya And Scottie lit a candle in memory of Howard F. Carney



Jana, Zaya and Scottie - March 14, 2025 at 11:50 AM

JS

So sorry for your loss. We are keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers.

Jana, Zaya and Scottie - March 14, 2025 at 11:52 AM

BG

“ Brenda Gadwah lit a candle in memory of Howard F. Carney



Brenda Gadwah - March 14, 2025 at 09:13 AM

BG

So. Sorry for your loss thoughts and prayers

Brenda Gadwah - March 14, 2025 at 09:14 AM

RL

Our deepest sympathy to the family.

Richard Labrecque - March 14, 2025 at 09:47 AM

RD

“ *SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS*

Richard A Dagesse - March 14, 2025 at 08:56 AM

FC

“ *Andre and I want to offer our condolences to the family and friends for the loss of a good man.*



Francine and Andre Champagne - March 13, 2025 at 11:34 PM

JM

“ *Our very sincerest condolences to Howard's family. May he Rest In Peace, he certainly has earned.*
John and Sue Morrissey

John Morrissey - March 13, 2025 at 09:30 PM