



## James D. Wheeler

September 23, 1959 - February 18, 2015

PITTSBURG – James D. Wheeler, 55, passed away on Wednesday evening, Feb. 18, 2015, at the Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital in Colebrook after a battle with cancer.

Jim was born on Sept. 23, 1959, in West Stewartstown, and he was raised in Pittsburg on the family farm. He attended the Pittsburg schools and was a graduate of Pittsburg High School in 1978.

He was very active with all the family businesses over the years. Jim drove school buses, and he knew all the routes. He took many athletic trips and even the longer class trips. You always knew Jim could be counted on to handle any situation. He was as good as it gets when it came to trimming trees. There were many Christmas trees planted over the years, and many to be cut, and Jim knew all the phases of the work that was required, and was capable of doing it all.

He enjoyed competing with other tree growers at local fairs and especially at the “Big E” Eastern States Exposition in Springfield, Mass. His entries won many ribbons and he made many friends with people who came into the NH state building. He particularly enjoyed spending time there with his friend, Colon Chapple.

Landscaping was another project that Jim took a lot of pride in, and he was very good at that, too. He enjoyed making snowmobile trails with his cousin, Dennis. He later lived in Colebrook, and became a licensed nurse's aid, and was a caregiver for local elderly people in their homes, many of whom came to love Jim as if he was one of their own. It was very easy to be proud of Jim. He was his father's caregiver for many years, taking him to his appointments at the VA in Manchester, Boston or White River Junction, checking on his dad twice a day, 7 days a week.

In his final days, Jim lived with Pam and Ray Choquette in Pittsburg, and they became like family to him.

Jim is survived by his father, Claude Wheeler, currently of Berlin, NH, his many cousins, and his beloved feline companion, "Titty." He is preceded in death by his sister, Claudia, in 1987 when she was a senior in high school.

Jim will be privately interred in the family lot at the Indian Stream Cemetery in the spring. There are no public services.

Expressions of sympathy in memory of Jim may be made to Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home, 103 Main St., Colebrook, NH 03576 to help defray final expenses.

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

## Indian Stream Cemetery

Tabor Road  
Pittsburg, NH

# Tribute Wall

LT

“ I met Jim several years ago while visiting my brother. Thelma and I sat on the porch chatting and Jim always came to chat with us. He was pleasant and we looked forward to his chats. He will be missed . R I P Jim

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**Lillian Thibeault** - March 01, 2015 at 07:21 AM

JM

“ Our sincerest condolences to Claude and family.  
Rest in Peace Jimmy.  
John and Sue Morrissey

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**John and Sue Morrissey** - February 27, 2015 at 08:05 AM

CH

“ Jimmy and his family lived on our road. Not only did Jim drive our school bus, he also helped his dad with their Christmas tree farm. He would give me a ride home with Julie after s basketball game. Such a kind person.  
Claude and Julie, I'm so sorry for your loss. I pray you find peace and comfort knowing he has been reunited with Claudia in eternity.  
God Bless.

*Corinne Paquette Howland*

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**Corinne Howland** - February 26, 2015 at 04:11 AM

LI

“ I knew Jimmy. I am so sorry for your loss. My prayers and thoughts are with you thru this time of sorrow.

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**Linda** - February 25, 2015 at 08:55 PM



“ *Darleen Placey lit a candle in memory of James D. Wheeler*



Darleen Placey - February 25, 2015 at 05:28 PM



“ *Suzanne Harvey (Philie) lit a candle in memory of James D. Wheeler*



Suzanne Harvey (Philie) - February 24, 2015 at 07:55 PM



*So sorry to hear of this passing. Jimmy was a childhood friend from a long time ago. My heart goes out to Claude who will miss you dearly. Prayers to all who knew and love you. God bless and rest in peace Jimmy.*

Suzanne Harvey (Philie) - February 24, 2015 at 07:58 PM



*So sad to read this - James Wheeler I hope you are at peace out there in the Universe and reunited with your sister Claudia -*

scotia jordan - March 10, 2015 at 05:22 PM



“ *I am sorry to hear of Jimmy's passing. I worked with Jimmy at CCNH. I could always depend on him to give me a ride to work when the roads were bad.*

Darcy Gray - February 24, 2015 at 06:58 PM

CM

“ *Chris And Mike Muhlhauser lit a candle in memory of James D. Wheeler*



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**Chris and Mike Muhlhauser** - February 24, 2015 at 06:49 AM

CK

“ *Cindy Kenney lit a candle in memory of James D. Wheeler*



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**cindy kenney** - February 23, 2015 at 07:39 PM

CK

“ *Jim was a wonderful man and friend. We had a lot of good times together and I will miss his laughter and his beautiful smile. My thoughts and prayers to his family. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.*

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**cindy kenney** - February 23, 2015 at 07:38 PM

AB

“ *Angel Brown lit a candle in memory of James D. Wheeler*



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**Angel Brown** - February 23, 2015 at 07:19 PM

MP

*lit a candle for jimmy wheeler, my heart goes to Claude ,rest in peace  
Jimmy love you*

**M claire Philie** - February 25, 2015 at 05:25 PM

NC

“ *Jimmy was my bus driver whe I was in high school and lived on Hall Stream Rd. The wheeler family lived up the road from us. Sorry to hear about Jimmy' passing, my condolences to to family.*



**Nicole Madore Clark** - February 23, 2015 at 04:47 PM

BK

“ *Brenda Klebe lit a candle in memory of James D. Wheeler*



**Brenda Klebe** - February 23, 2015 at 04:01 PM

BK

“ *I got to know Jim when we took the LNA course. He was so sweet and loved his work. I am truly saddened by this, May his soul be full of love as his was so full here. Will miss running into him during my visits in Colebrook. RIP my friend!! My thoughts and prayer are with you and your family !!*

**Brenda Klebe** - February 23, 2015 at 04:00 PM

LR

“ *Lynn Rancourt lit a candle in memory of James D. Wheeler*



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**Lynn Rancourt** - February 23, 2015 at 03:48 PM



“ *Jimmy was such a great bus driver when I lived on Halls Stream Road. He had a way of getting us to stop fooling around on the bus without getting grumpy. I am sorry to hear of his passing. I used to ride my bike to go to his house to hang out with his sister. My condolences go out to his family*  
*Rachel Paquette Poulin*

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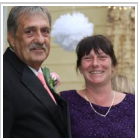
**Rachel Poulin** - February 23, 2015 at 12:55 PM

DM

“ *So sorry to hear. Jim drove us safely to Montreal a couple times for class trips.*

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**Diane Biron Martineau** - February 23, 2015 at 11:50 AM



“ *So saddened to hear.*



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**Karalyn Hurley** - February 23, 2015 at 11:24 AM

JP

“ *Jan And Phil lit a candle in memory of James D. Wheeler*



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**Jan and Phil** - February 23, 2015 at 10:56 AM

CB

“ *Our deepest condolences to Julie and her family. Jerry and Cathy Boutin*

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**Cathy Boutin** - February 23, 2015 at 10:09 AM

BH

“ *We send our sympathy to Jimmy's immediate and extended family. It's good to know that Jimmy is no longer in pain and that he can now rest in peace. He left a lot of good memories. He was helpful to our family when help was very much needed. That has not been forgotten. Bet he and Claudia are having a grand reunion.*

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**Brad & Barbara Hann** - February 20, 2015 at 04:25 PM

FC

“ *Our condolences to Mr. Wheeler and Julie and all the family and friends. Francine & Andre Champagne*

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**Francine Champagne** - February 20, 2015 at 12:47 PM

KB

“ Keith And Billie Brockney lit a candle in memory of James D. Wheeler



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**Keith and Billie Brockney** - February 20, 2015 at 12:00 PM

PF

“ Throughout high school, Jim and the other "Hall Stream Kids" were my best of friends - just hanging out, concerts in Montreal and being together. While the different paths in life we chose did not keep us connected, the shared history was always there - a smile when we ran into each other; cards from Jim when my parents passed; and seeing a little of him in his nephew. Perhaps he is again hanging out with Leona and spending eternity with Claudia. Peace to you, Jim.

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**Pam Frizzell** - February 20, 2015 at 07:14 AM