



## Jeannette Mary Ellingwood

February 28, 1929 - April 5, 2008

LEMINGTON, VERMONT -- Jeannette Mary (Holbrook) Ellingwood, 79, “The Lemington Monkey Lady”, passed away on Saturday afternoon, April 5, 2008, at the Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital surrounded by her loving family and several monkeys from her collection.

Jeannette was born in Lemington, VT, on February 28, 1929, on the farm of her late parents, Theodore Holbrook and Mary Jane (Annis) Holbrook.

Her formal education began in Lemington’s one-room school house. She was a graduate of Colebrook Academy Class of 1947. Married soon after high school, she and her former husband, Ernest, had one son, Reginald, their pride and joy. She was a proud Vermonter and resided within five miles of the Columbia Bridge her whole life. She served as Lemington Town Clerk for 22 years and Town Treasurer for 31. She was a part-time ‘snip and clip’ proofreader for the News & Sentinel for over a decade. She contributed to the newspaper as a correspondent, diligently reporting the Lemington news, particularly the Sims Hill neighborhood as she resided at “the foot of the hill”.

She joined the Eureka Chapter #2 OES of Colebrook in April of 1963 and served the organization as Warder. She was a member the Colebrook Ski Bees, Canaan Border Riders, and one of the original Lemington Stillbillies.

An avid snowmobiler, she was a member of the famed Hardy Girls, her “dear sisters” with whom she snowmobiled every Thursday afternoon without fail for over 14 years beginning in the 1970’s.

Visiting Benson’s Wild Animal Farm as a child and making many trips to Granby Zoo in Quebec led to a great fascination and fanatic passion for monkeys. She collected over 300 stuffed monkeys, many received as gifts and often named in honor of that person.

Jeannette leaves behind her son, Reginald E. Ellingwood and his wife, Myra, of Lemington, VT; her dear companion of many years, Mallett A. “Andy” Anderson of Pittsburg, NH; four beloved granddaughters, Sharon Ellingwood of North Stonington, CT, Tricia Ellingwood of Gorham, NH, Beth Walter and husband, Jason, of Watford City, ND, and Jeannette Hook and husband, Daniel, of Brunswick, VT; and five great-grandchildren, Joe Ellingwood, Macala, Adrienne and Maya Hook and Samuel Villa.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Virginia (Holbrook) MacDonald, who passed away March 31, 2008.

Calling hours will be held on Tuesday, April 8, 2008, from 7-9 p.m. at the Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home in Colebrook with an Eastern Star service to be held at 6:45 p.m. prior to calling hours by Eureka Chapter #2 OES. A funeral service will be conducted on Wednesday, April 9th at 11:00 a.m. at the funeral home with The Reverend Craig Cheney officiating. An interment service will be held on Sunday, May 25th at 11:30 a.m. at Colebrook Village Cemetery.

# Tribute Wall



“ Reggie, Myra and family, so sorry to hear of "Nette's" passing. We fondly remember stopping in to visit her on our way "up the Hill", snowmobiling trips, venison feeds, etc. She was a wonderful person and always livened up any gathering! You have our deepest sympathies.##imported-begin##Steve & Sherry Young##imported-end##

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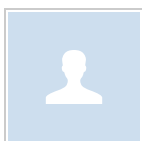
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“ Mom and Dad,  
  
We are thinking of you. I am sorry for your loss. Gram was so good to me and I will never forget her. I'm glad I got to be with her on Friday. We love you and hope to see you soon. Tricia & Joe##imported-begin##Tricia Ellingwood##imported-end##

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April 11, 2008 at 07:31 AM



“ To Grampa Andy and Jeannette's loving family: Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. I wish we could be there with you in person.

Trista, Jim, and Amelia Coyne  
(Andy's granddaughter in VA)##imported-begin##Trista and Jim Coyne##imported-end##

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“ To all of the family who have been a part of so many happy and precious memories of my years in Lemington I extend my sympathy for the loss of your loved one. She will be remembered for her love of life, family, her monkeys, sno-mobiling and her love of Lemington. God's Blessing to each of you, Grace Cross##imported-begin##Grace Cross##imported-end##

April 08, 2008 at 07:27 PM



“ Reggie, Myra, Sharon, Tricia, Beth, and Jenny- I am sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Erica Brisson##imported-end##

April 08, 2008 at 06:53 PM



“ REGGIE, MYRA, AND FAMILY,  
OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU ALL DURING THIS VERY SAD TIME. THERE ARE SO MANY FOND MEMORIES OF JEANNETTE, MANY OF WHICH WERE FROM SIMS HILL. SHE WAS A SPECIAL LADY AND WILL NOT EVER BE FORGOTTEN. JIM AND JANET##imported-begin##JIM AND JANET BENNETT-GROVETON, NH##imported-end##

April 08, 2008 at 06:35 PM



“ We will miss you and you were a very good friend to us. We will miss seeing all the monkeys you had.##imported-begin##Kristina and Jerry Bishop##imported-end##

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“ *And far into the night he crooned  
that tune.*

*The stars went out  
and so did the moon.*

*You have lost a truly special earth angel, for now she waits at  
heaven's gate to greet many more earth angels.*

*My thoughts and prayers are with each and everyone of you.*

*peace be with each of you,*

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April 06, 2008 at 08:28 PM



“ *Reggie, Myra and family,*

*We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers go out to  
you. It's still hard to believe the two sisters passed in less than a  
week of each other. May the hugs from family and friends help you  
to get through this difficult time.##imported-begin##James and Lori  
MacDonald and family##imported-end##*

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