



## Jessica 'Debbie' A. Brooks

September 4, 1926 - November 19, 2023

COLEBROOK – Jessica A, “Debbie,” Brooks, 97, of Colebrook died Sunday, Nov. 19, 2023, the day of her 77th wedding anniversary. She died in the arms of her granddaughter, Deanna, in her own beloved home. Family members were honored to be able to spend time and provide care for Debbie during her last few weeks.

Debbie was born on Sept. 4, 1926, in West Stewartstown, the daughter of the late Wesley and Ella (McPheters) Ladd. She grew up in a large, busy family and often spoke of the close relationship she had with her mother. More recently, she loved to tell stories of her childhood and teenage years.

She graduated from Canaan Memorial High School in 1944. Debbie worked at Howard’s Restaurant in Colebrook and then Beecher Falls Manufacturing (later known as Ethan Allen Furnishings) where she met the love of her life, Wayne Brooks, who had just returned home after serving with the Army in Burma. They were married on Nov. 19, 1946. During their 44 years of marriage they lived in Canaan, Clarksville, and Colebrook, always residing in the North Country.

As a loving wife and mother, Debbie supported her husband in his endeavors, relished her role as homemaker, and loved raising her family of five children. She always enjoyed maintaining her yard and working in her flower gardens.

After her husband's retirement, they appreciated their daily walks on the hill and in the woods behind their home. Over the years, Debbie became very proficient at many daily word puzzles. She always thought they kept her mind "sharp." She loved having coffee or lunch with friends, and lately she loved watching the world go by while sitting on her front porch. Phone calls and visits from grandchildren, and notes, drawings, and paper crafts arriving in the mailbox from great-grandchildren were precious to Debbie. She always looked forward to family gatherings. And she especially loved having "the little ones" at these gatherings, first her own children, then grandchildren, and eventually great-grandchildren. Her home was always overflowing on Thanksgiving, her favorite holiday.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her loving husband, Wayne, in 1990, their stillborn son in 1967, beloved daughter, Jean Lawton, in 2016, two sisters, Grathia Bryant and Lola Boire, and seven brothers, Howard, Gilman, Earl, Elwin, Abner, Sanford, and Gerald Ladd.

She is survived by her loving children and their spouses, Curtis Brooks of Effingham, NH; Douglas Brooks and Virginia of Colebrook; Ronald Brooks and Dawn of Gilmanton Iron Works, NH; and Linda and Thomas McCarthy of Exeter, NH; her grandchildren, Karen Chao, Jeff Brooks, James Brooks, Corina Brooks, Megen Kuhn, Kerry Hasler-Brooks, Adam Brooks, Jacob Brooks, Deanna Crawford, Cherilyn Drouin, Linda Smith, Michael Thurston, and Caitlin Thurston; her eighteen great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandson; and one sister, Edvina 'Peanut' Lyons.

Calling hours will be held on Monday, Nov. 27, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home in Colebrook. A funeral will be held on Saturday, Dec. 2, at 11 a.m. at the Trinity United Methodist Church in Colebrook. A graveside service will be held later in the spring of 2024 in the Stewartstown Hollow Cemetery, of which notice will be given.

Expressions of sympathy in memory of Mrs. Brooks may be made to the Two Rivers Ride for Cancer, P.O. Box 376, Colebrook, NH 03576; or to CureSMA, 925 Busse Rd., Elk Grove, IL 60007, or online at [www.curesma.org](http://www.curesma.org).

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

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

# Cemetery Details

## Stewartstown Hollow Cemetery

NH Route 145  
Stewartstown, NH

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 27. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall

DL

“ So very sorry to hear this news...she was a treasure! My heartfelt sympathy to her entire family.

Deb Lawton - December 10, 2023 at 01:17 PM

FC

“ Our sympathy to all the family from Andre & Francine Champagne



Francine and Andre Champagne - December 04, 2023 at 06:41 PM

DE

“ Oh Grammie, I keep looking at your beautiful smile in every picture. I love you so. Every moment we shared since I was a little girl is so precious to me. You were such a gift to me. There are no words to describe how much you mean to me. Rest well up there with Grampa, Mama and Jesus. Until I see you again 💕 Deanna

Deanna - December 02, 2023 at 09:41 PM

CG

“ Calvin Crawford and Girls purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Jessica 'Debbie' A. Brooks.



Calvin Crawford and Girls - December 01, 2023 at 08:00 AM

CG

“ Calvin Crawford and Girls planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jessica 'Debbie' A. Brooks.

Calvin Crawford and Girls - December 01, 2023 at 08:00 AM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Jessica 'Debbie' A. Brooks.



November 30, 2023 at 08:54 AM

CB

“ Curt, Doug, Ronnie and Linda. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. I will miss going to Colebrook and stopping by for a visit. We shared many laughs, chats and tears. I will always cherish the memories. Love Cindy



Cindy Brigham - November 30, 2023 at 06:02 AM

TM

“ I smiled this morning thinking about the day you told me I could call you Mom and us joking about the difference between dating "your Linda" and being married to her some 30+ years later. I will miss our many conversations (just the two of us) as I was going up on the ridge. You had the greatest sense of humor and I will treasure those moments always.

Our families were always connected and I am thankful that you and Wayne brought such amazing people into our lives. My heart breaks for the whole family and selfishly - for the jokes and conversations that we did not yet share.

You are loved, missed and may you rest in peace,  
Tom

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**Tom McCarthy** - November 29, 2023 at 10:04 AM

SB

“ I'm thinking of you.  
Love Susan

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**Susan Brooks** - November 28, 2023 at 01:42 PM

BR

“ Uncle Doug, Jeff, Jim, and Corrina, and Brooks family.  
We send our heartfelt condolences on your loss.  
Bradley & Stephanie Cross

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**brad** - November 27, 2023 at 06:59 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Jessica 'Debbie' A. Brooks.*



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November 27, 2023 at 05:40 PM



“ *Sending our deepest sympathy & condolences to the family 🙏❤️*

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**Robin & Scott Lambert** - November 26, 2023 at 03:58 PM



“ *Our condolences to Debbie's family.  
She was a great lady with a big heart.*

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**Richard and Sandy Hall** - November 26, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *Curt, Doug, Ronnie and Linda*

*My sincere condolences to you all. I know how you feel. The loss of a Mother is never easy.*

*Please know that my thoughts and prayers are there for you all.*

*I will certainly miss my phone visits with Aunt Debbie. She was an amazing person.*

*Judy Brooks and Herb*

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**Judith Brooks** - November 25, 2023 at 02:00 PM

CM

“ My sincere condolences to Curt, Doug, Ronnie, Linda and families. Debbie was a fixture in my life, growing up on West Road in Clarksville. I will miss running into her at the store and seeing that sweet smile. What a great lady. She will be missed.

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**Cindy (Bunnell) McClain** - November 25, 2023 at 11:19 AM

JL

“ Doug, Curt, Ronnie, Linda and families, may you take comfort in knowing, she is now with your Dad and Jean, and her brothers and sisters. I will miss you running into you (when you got out), and you would always grab my hand and hold it. You lived a great life, and one to be proud of. Will think of you always with love.

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**Julie Ladd** - November 24, 2023 at 11:27 AM

MS

“ To my loving cousins and their families, so sorry to hear the passing of your mom. We are in Florida so we can't come to the service but our hearts will be there. She was a great lady and had a good long life. Mary and Steve.

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**mary skinner** - November 23, 2023 at 12:31 PM

BM

“ Curt,Doug,Ronnie, Linda and Jeff,Jimmy,Corina and the the rest of the family. My deepest sympathies to u all for your loss. Deb was such a sweet lady, she be missed. Becky

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**Becky Masters** - November 22, 2023 at 03:26 PM

V(

“ Linda and Tom, I am so sorry for your loss.

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**Veronica Wilder (Bacon)** - November 22, 2023 at 01:05 PM

RD

“ So sorry for your loss

Richard A Dagesse - November 22, 2023 at 10:22 AM

JB

“ Judy Hunt Budge lit a candle in memory of Jessica 'Debbie' A. Brooks



Judy Hunt Budge - November 22, 2023 at 07:27 AM

JS

“ JANA SIERAD lit a candle in memory of Jessica 'Debbie' A. Brooks



JANA SIERAD - November 22, 2023 at 06:12 AM

JS

Such a special Lady! Keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers.

JANA SIERAD - November 22, 2023 at 06:10 AM

VR

“ Debbie brooks, she make me laugh, when I took her to the grocery store and friends or family will approach her and talk to her, she asked Virginia who was that? I told her who ever they wore, then she replied for God's sake! And we both ended laughing. We all will miss little Debbie ❤️



Virginia's Riendeau - November 21, 2023 at 06:53 PM

FA

“ Aunt Debbie you have been the matriarch of our family for many, many years. We are all so blessed to have you be the maternal figure to look up to. May we all be half the wonderful human being you were.

Faith Adair - November 21, 2023 at 05:04 PM

BG

“ Debbie was a wonderful lady. Growing up her and my mother were best friends . I have had the honor of visiting with her and talking about old times. She always made me laugh. Thoughts and prayers to the family. James and Brenda Gadwah and family.



Brwnda Gadwah - November 21, 2023 at 04:08 PM

RB

One of the last things that I said to my mom was that I thanked God everyday that I was born to Wayne and Debbie Brooks. There's nothing that I've ever told her that I've meant more than that. We never once lacked anything. There was never a moment that I didn't know that I was wanted, cared for, protected, and loved. She was a wonderful mother, a fantastic grandmother and great-grandmother to my children and grandchildren. I know the term is rest in peace but I'm not sure that's actually what happens. I know that Mom now is in the presence of her Lord and savior Jesus. I know that there's no tiredness, no pain, no sadness, no regrets. Her end here on earth is the beginning of her praising and enjoying God forever. And I look forward to seeing her again.

Ronald Brooks - November 22, 2023 at 12:06 PM

DB

“ *Debbie Bedard lit a candle in memory of  
Jessica 'Debbie' A. Brooks*



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**Debbie Bedard** - November 21, 2023 at 03:42 PM