



Joan Stevens Chase

March 9, 1933 - September 20, 2010

COLEBROOK, NH – Joan Stevens Chase, 77, of Colebrook, NH, passed away at her home on Monday, September 20, 2010.

She was born in Peterborough, NH, the daughter of the late Richard and Mae (Watts) Stevens on March 9, 1933. She had resided in Colebrook for the past 26 years. Because her father was an Army officer, she attended various schools, traveled extensively and was one of the first dependents to live in Germany following World War II. She graduated from Colebrook Academy in 1951 and returned to Germany with her family until 1953. She graduated from the University of New Hampshire in 1956.

She was married to Robert S. Chase, of Derry, in 1955 during her senior year at UNH, and at that time she became an Air Force officer's wife. Again, travel was imminent, spending assignments in California, at Pease AFB in NH, Shreveport, LA, Loring AFB in Maine, Warner Robins ABF in Georgia, and many summers with her family at Diamond Pond. She and her husband owned and operated the Perry Bookstore in Perry, Georgia for 3 years. Joan returned to UNH to obtain her teaching certification and in 1984, moved to Colebrook to care for her invalid mother.

She taught middle school in North Stratford for 3 years and in 1988, took the job as the special educator in Colebrook for grades K-5, and she remained there for 10 years. Upon her retirement in 1998, she moved to Las Vegas for the next two winters, then lived in both North Dakota and Alabama as caregiver to one of her grandchildren. The following winter, she returned to Colebrook, as a long-term substitute for the same special education position she had previously held. The following three winters were spent back in Las Vegas and her summers spent in Colebrook. In 2006, she moved permanently back to Colebrook which she always considered her "roots," and she maintained an apartment in the home of her brother, Bud Hulse. Her final years were spent as an office worker at the North Country Chamber of Commerce.

Joan loved to travel and once said, "I know the grass isn't any greener over that mountain,

but I just want to see what is there!” She enjoyed reading, movies, dabbling in some writing and her solitude. Joan was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Retired Teachers Association, both local and national, and Phi Mu Sorority.

Joan is survived by two sons, Mark Chase and wife Donna of Rochester, NH, and Matthew Chase and wife Freda of Huber Heights, OH; a daughter, Anne Sproul and husband, Jack, of Colorado Spring, Colo. ; three brothers, Granvyl “Bud” Hulse, Jr. of Colebrook, NH, Charles O. Stevens of Stewartstown, NH, and Sandy Stevens of Monroeville, Penn.; seven grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Calling hours will be held on Thursday, September 23, 2010, from 3 – 6 p.m., with an Order of the Eastern Star service at 5:30 p.m. at the Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home in Colebrook. A committal service will take place on Friday, September 24, at 10:00 a.m. at the Colebrook Village Cemetery with The Rev. Rebecca Larson officiating.

Expressions of sympathy in memory of Joan may be made to the Colebrook Public Library, c/o Julie Colby, P.O. Box 58, Colebrook, NH 03576.

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

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home, Colebrook, NH.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **23**. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home
103 Main Street
Colebrook, NH

Tribute Wall



“ Dear Mark (& Donna), Anne, and Matthew,
Thinking of you guys and remembering good times with your mom...she and I had some good laughs. I will miss her.##imported-begin##Martha Zook##imported-end##

October 06, 2010 at 05:16 PM



“ Joan we will all miss you very much. Every time I see a flamingo I'll think of you. You were a great friend. Love you.##imported-begin##Lindy Falconer##imported-end##

September 24, 2010 at 05:54 PM



“ I would like to express my condolences on Mrs. Chase's passing. She was one of my middle school teachers in Stratford many years ago.##imported-begin##Sheila White##imported-end##

September 24, 2010 at 09:55 AM



“ Sandy and family--
So sorry for your loss! Our thoughts are with you--Bernie and Pat##imported-begin##Pat Banfill##imported-end##

September 24, 2010 at 09:21 AM



“ Bud, we were sad to hear of the passing of Joan. She was a pleasant woman with a great smile. She will be in our prayers. Joeng & Mike##imported-begin##Mike & Joeng Divney##imported-end##

September 23, 2010 at 05:02 PM



“ Sandy, We are so sorry for you loss , Jim & Sandy##imported-begin##Jim & Sandy Guay##imported-end##

September 22, 2010 at 10:37 PM



“ I am very sorry to hear of Joan's death. I remember many happy summer vacations with the Chase, Southworth and Crow children all swimming in Diamond Pond and sleeping in tents. I pray for health and healing for Joan's family and friends. I praise God for the privilege of having known her just a little bit.##imported-begin##Linda Crow Smith##imported-end##

September 22, 2010 at 09:56 PM



“ Mark, Matt and Anne,
I am so sorry for the loss of your mother. I have such great memories from our times together in Colebrook. Our families had so much fun together and I will always cherish those moments. Your parents were like second parents to us!!

My thoughts and prayers are with you and your families always.

Love, Marion##imported-begin##Marion (Crow) Colombo##imported-end##

September 22, 2010 at 09:42 PM



“ Mark, Matt and Ann,

I was saddened by the news of Aunt Joan's passing. I will always remember her smile and girlish laugh and the way she always read to us as children. Brad and I send out sympathy and love to you all.##imported-begin##Judi Chase Kilham and Brad Kilham##imported-end##

September 22, 2010 at 09:12 PM



“ Sorry for your loss.
We always had a great time with all of you, will cherish all the wonderful memories we had with your family.##imported-begin##Dwight Lewis Crow & Family##imported-end##

September 22, 2010 at 08:12 PM



“ Dear Mark, Matt & Anne,
Many thanks to Mark for the call today. We have had such a warm summer we have been thinking of all the times at Big Diamond and Pawtuckaway. Wonderful memories. Please keep in touch and know that our prayers are with you all.
Sincerely and with Love,
Ellie & Dwight###imported-begin###Dwight & Ellie Crow###imported-end##

September 22, 2010 at 04:46 PM



“ Anne, Matt and Mark,

Thanks to whomever called me here in San Frnacisco about the passing of your mom. This is a sad, sad day for those of us outside of Colebrook too.

Your mom played a pivatol role in my life at a pivatol time. She was a dear friend of mine who remained close even if we were seperated by miles.

My thoughts are with you.

Charles Hardy###imported-begin###Charles Hardy###imported-end##

September 22, 2010 at 12:56 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy to all. I always enjoyed visiting with her. Sue and Fred###imported-begin###Sue Miller###imported-end##

September 21, 2010 at 06:34 PM



“ Thoughts and prayers to Bud & Sue and Charlie O. and Shirley at this time of your loss of Joan. I worked with her at the Chamber when she was there, and always enjoyed her company.###imported-begin###Ginger Jannenga###imported-end##

September 21, 2010 at 05:37 PM



“ Thoughts and prayers are with all of you and your family. I will always remember Aunt Joan and her love of reading "Winnie the Pooh" which she would read to me when I was a very little girl, to this day I love Winnie the Pooh!! With fond thoughts and love to all of you.###imported-begin###Chris and Art Lee###imported-end##

September 21, 2010 at 05:18 PM