



John H. Amey

December 25, 1949 - November 3, 2018

PITTSBURG — John Holman Amey, 68, passed away quietly early on Saturday morning, Nov. 3, 2018, at his home in Pittsburg after a courageous battle with cancer.

He was born in West Stewartstown on Dec. 25, 1949, a son of the late Holman J. and Dorothy (Sprague) Amey. He was the fifth of nine children and was, as his mother put it, her “very best Christmas present ever.” He received his education at the Pittsburg schools and graduated in 1968.

John loved the woods and farming, taking over the day-to-day duties of the family farm, including the milking and raising of young livestock, at the young age of 15. He would continue to run the farm after his parents passed on, and did so for more than 52 years. John earned the prestigious NH Farm of Distinction and received many other awards over the years for the high quality of the milk. He was a true believer in animal husbandry, and his fine herd of Holsteins was noted for their good nature and high milk production. In the last few years of operation, John had converted to the coveted organic status. He also ran a small beef operation as a sideline and always kept a few sheep. His farm is one of the very few that have continuously kept sheep since its founding during the Civil War years. When the farm closed down commercially earlier in 2018, it was the last dairy farm in the Town of Pittsburg.

John was active with the NH Farm Bureau and was the Coos County president for several years. He was a member of the board of directors at the Merrimack Farmers' Exchange and was the county representative for the FSA program. John was also active in local politics, performing the duty of Pittsburg Town Moderator for several years, and he was a member of the Pittsburg School Board. He also served several terms on the local planning board. John's last public contribution was spearheading the local opposition to the Northern Pass power line project. John appeared in several films and documentaries, some of which were for The Society for the Protection of NH Forests and the NH Farm Bureau. John has also appeared in Yankee and Forbes magazines on special interest topics.

John loved to write and could accurately figure mathematics in his head. His dry sense of humor was a local legend, and his witty anecdotes were always a hit in any gathering. He loved maple sugaring, and some of his best times were spent in the family sugar house, where he made the syrup in the old-fashioned method of his forebears. John also loved forest management and acted as his own forester on many wood harvests on his land. He was a good steward of the land, and always believed very strongly that, as a steward, it was his duty to leave the land better than he found it.

He was a music lover, too, and for 15 years had hosted the Amey Family Bluegrass Concert under the Stars. He loved that event, where he would revel in the music and camaraderie, and loved his official part as host that went along with it. John loved to go see his favorite band, Parker Hill Road, where he would show up unannounced at their performances.

John especially loved his grandchildren and spent as much of his free time as he could with them. He would often be seen in the evenings holding one or more of them, reading to them or telling stories. He also enjoyed visiting his siblings' sugar camps and going on adventures in the woods with them.

He leaves behind his loving wife, Cindy-Lou (Duxbury) Amey of Pittsburg; son, Nathaniel, of Rapid City, SD; a daughter, Cayenne, of Colebrook, NH; son, Micah, of Boise, ID; son, Stephen of Daytona Beach, Fla.; daughter, Amanda, of Amherst, NH; son, Joseph "Dickie", of Pittsburg; daughter, Rachel, of Farmington, NH; three brothers, Roy of Pittsburg and Mark of Clarksville, NH, Paul of Waterford, Vt.; and one sister, Dottie-Jane "DJ" of Clarksville.

He is predeceased by a son, Eric; a daughter, Janeen; a brother, Alfred; and three sisters, Maudetta, Nancy and Kathleen.

Friends and family are invited to visit with the Amey family at the Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home in Colebrook on Friday, Nov. 9, 2018 from 5 to 7 p.m. A graveside service will take place in the spring of 2019 in the Indian Stream Cemetery in Pittsburg, of which notice will be given.

Expressions of sympathy in memory of Mr. Amey may be made to the fund to keep his beloved bluegrass concert an annual event--the John H. Amey Benefit Account, c/o Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank, P.O. Box 252, Lisbon, NH, 03585.

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

Cemetery Details

Indian Stream Cemetery

Tabor Road
Pittsburg, NH

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 9. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall

NM

“ *My deepest condolences to the Amey family...*

Nicole Dube Morissette - November 18, 2018 at 12:17 PM

HH

“ *Our deepest condolences go out to the entire Amey family on your loss.*

Haven & Peggy Haynes - November 10, 2018 at 06:21 AM

JL

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire Amey Family.*



John & Karen Little - November 09, 2018 at 09:39 PM

JM

“ *Our sincerest condolences to John Amey's family. John Amey was most definitely a North Country icon and will be missed. RIP John.*

John and Sue Morrissey - November 09, 2018 at 08:41 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of John H. Amey.*



November 09, 2018 at 06:36 AM



“ *Lindy Falconer lit a candle in memory of John H. Amey*



Lindy Falconer - November 08, 2018 at 02:50 PM



“ *The North Country has lost a true icon. John Amey was one of the wisest and finest people I've ever known. He cared for his land, his farm, his community, his family and his friends. He also cared for Indian Stream and the Connecticut River - we have all benefited from his knowledge and foresight.*

*Adair Mulligan
Lyme, NH*

Adair Mulligan - November 08, 2018 at 01:22 PM



“ *Very happy to have visited John & Cindy-Lou 3 weeks ago while staying up in Pittsburg. Loved John as he was the salt of the Earth and a true N.H. native. Great herdsman and very good farmer. I worked with John and Cindy-Lou for over 10 years with their organically certification status. I miss John already.*

vickie Smith - November 07, 2018 at 09:51 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of John H. Amey.*



November 07, 2018 at 12:29 PM



“ *So sad to loose someone, Our sincere condolences to all the family and friends.Francine & Andre Champagne*



Francine - November 06, 2018 at 06:07 PM



“ *My sincere condolences to the entire Amey family. May John rest in peace in his beloved Indian Stream Valley.*

Allyson Robie - November 06, 2018 at 05:29 PM



“ *We remember John fondly from our many many years of Farm Bureau...Our condolences to the whole Amey family.. Sincerely, Robert and Janice Fogg*

Janice Fogg - November 06, 2018 at 05:02 PM

DB

“ Sincere sympathy to the entire family of John Amey~~~ It is very hard when you lose a loved one but he is at peace now and not suffering from cancer. I hope he did not suffer for too long May he rest in peace
Deb Bonenfant (former Pittsburg Resident)



Deborah Bonenfant - November 06, 2018 at 04:06 PM

WA

“ The valley has lost its number one champion. May the strength and virtues he embodied live on through those who benefited from his friendship and commitment to Indian Stream Valley. May he rest peacefully in the valley he so loved.

Winston and Andrea - November 06, 2018 at 01:51 PM



“ We are saddened by your loss an offer our deepest sympathy to you and your families. Even though we only met John a few times when visiting my sister for Moose Festivals and joining in at the farm , then attending The Bluegrass Concerts, I witnessed a proud moment each and every time he was able to put a smile on someone’s face and a memory in their heart. May John Rest In Peace now for his well done job on earth .. thank you Amey family..

Nancy Morra Madore - November 06, 2018 at 01:39 PM

Calvin Crawford

“ Calvin Crawford lit a candle in memory of John H. Amey



Calvin Crawford - November 06, 2018 at 12:06 PM

JK

“ Paul... I'm so sorry to learn of your brother's passing... please accept my deepest sympathy... thinking of you and your family.

Jim Karns

Jim Karns - November 06, 2018 at 09:25 AM

GW

“ Sorry to hear of John,s passing .

George Wright - November 06, 2018 at 09:07 AM

DC

“ I have a lot of good memories working with John and the other Amey boys in the hayfields years ago. Can't forget the dried prunes.

Don Crawford

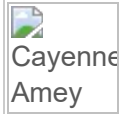
Don Crawford - November 06, 2018 at 08:53 AM

RS

“ John Amey was the hardest working, most honest and humble gentleman I have ever had the honor and privilege of calling a friend. To Cindy Lou and the entire Amey family, I thank you all for sharing John with me, my family and all the other people that he so positively affected. His kindness and life will be pasted on by all who knew and came in contact with him. We will see John on the other side.

Rick Samson

Rick Samson - November 05, 2018 at 11:06 PM



Cayenne Amey



Cayenne Amey - November 07, 2018 at 07:32 PM



I feel honored to have known John. Such a down to earth and decent man who truly loved his family, his valley, his farm and the beauty of nature and knew the importance of caring for and treasuring them all. I wish Cindy Lou and family strength , love and hope in the times ahead.

Elizabeth Guerin - November 14, 2018 at 12:08 PM



“ www.facebook.com/NewHampshireThenAndNow purchased the Dearest One Casket Insert for the family of John H. Amey.



www.facebook.com/NewHampshireThenAndNow - November 05, 2018 at 10:52 PM



“ **OMG! I am So SORRY ! MY HEART AND PRAYERS GO OUT TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY!**

Priscilla Bull - November 05, 2018 at 09:18 PM

PD

“ *To the Amey Family and Cindy Lou
I am so fortunare that my path and John’s crossed in the 1990’s. His love of family and the land was infectious. I got my best team of Dutch belted oxen out if his beef barn. John provided me and my cattle a haven from the storm, allowing us to live in Pittsburg on Indian steam farm for a few years. He was a remarkable, kind, gentle soul whose ties to his community, land, farm and forest will not be forgotten. John will be missed by many. His impact on all of us will be felt for generations to come. Rest In Peace. Patty Duffy*

Patty Duffy - November 05, 2018 at 09:17 PM

 Valerie Mahnke

“ *Our deepest condolences to the Amey family.*



Valerie Mahnke - November 05, 2018 at 08:38 PM

RE

“ *John has been the best boss I could’ve ever asked for for the last 5 years, my condolences to the Amey family*

Ryan Egan - November 05, 2018 at 08:03 PM

WB

*My sincerest condolences to the family. I had the pleasure of enjoying John's humor and camaraderie as a classmate and friend. I am so glad we were together at our 50th reunion in September. As usual he was humble and laughing and talking up all those grandchildren.
RIP John,we will miss you
Wayne Blais*

Wayne Blais - November 06, 2018 at 10:06 AM

SE

*We were privileged to have met John. Cindy Lou, we send our deepest condolences to you and your family. We're so very sorry for your loss.
Sharon and Dan Edgar*

Sharon Edgar - November 15, 2018 at 02:31 PM

NC

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to the family.

Nicole Clark - November 05, 2018 at 07:30 PM

DD

“ We really don't have words to express how we feel learning of John's passing, other than please know our hearts weep with you...sending much love to all of you, Pete and Deb Dimmitt

Deborah Dimmitt - November 05, 2018 at 07:04 PM

DR

“ I'll never forget how nice John was to an old U.P.S. guy! ~Dick Robie

Dick Robie - November 05, 2018 at 05:01 PM

SJ

“ John Amey was a kind, calm soul..he loved the land and the Northern Woods life..may he rest peacefully there in among the forest and farms he loved so well. RIP Mr. Amey ..in much sympathy to the Amey family I am sorry for your loss

scotia jordan - November 05, 2018 at 04:09 PM

JF

“ He was always up beat and loved his forest. I didn't know him as well as the boys and Josh did, but always liked his visits. Our sympathy goes out to Cindy Lou and all the family.

Josh and lola Boire and family - November 05, 2018 at 03:56 PM



“ John Amey= The North Country. Proud, kind, considerate, humble, sincere, a very hard working steward of his land & a wonderful neighbor & advocate for us all. His memory will be eternal in all his good works - his family, his neighbors, his entire community. Thank you, John, for The Bluegrass Concerts & Speaking up for all of us here against Northern Pass. Thank you for being you, John, & I am grateful to have had yours & Cindy Lou's friendship here in God's country. You will ALWAYS be here, John.

Carol Bond - November 05, 2018 at 03:51 PM

NM

“ My deepest condolences to the Amey family. Thoughts and prayers for the family.

Nicole Dube Morissette - November 05, 2018 at 03:43 PM

BL

“ John was one of my favorite brother s. I enjoyed living and working on John's farm when I was a young man.
He worked very hard for his family. John you will be missed very much .
Thanks for your friendship and sharing your home with me.
Until I see you again,
Thanks,
Bruce Locke

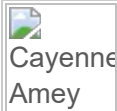
Bruce Locke - November 05, 2018 at 03:38 PM

LJ

“ I wouldn't trade any of my childhood memories on Tabor road for anything! Sleepovers at the Amey's were always a blast. John was always so warm and welcoming and had such a calming nature. He taught me everything a kid would want to know about his farm and he did it with such pride. I am so sorry for his friends and family and i send my deepest condolences. John Amey was a huge piece of North Country Heart ❤️ may he rest peacefully

Lindsey (Judd) Jones

Lindsey Jones - November 05, 2018 at 03:37 PM



Cayenne Amey



Cayenne Amey - November 07, 2018 at 07:40 PM

PW

“ Another gentle spirit to roam the valley, watching over the land, the animals, the woods and meadows, whispering secrets that his loved ones will hear. Be at peace with Janeen and Eric.

Pam & Wayne - November 05, 2018 at 03:01 PM

JF

“ Josh And lola Boire And Family lit a candle in memory of John H. Amey



Josh and lola Boire and family - November 05, 2018 at 02:57 PM

JF

“ Josh And Iola Boire And Family lit a candle in memory of John H. Amey



Josh and Iola Boire and family - November 05, 2018 at 02:51 PM

KP

We are sad that John has passed. Our sympathy and thoughts are with him and all of his family. He was such a huge part of Indian Stream and I know how much the valley meant to him. Rest in peace in the most beautiful place.

Karen and David Placey

KAREN PLACEY - November 06, 2018 at 02:19 PM

RL

To the Amey family: I just wanted to say that at our class reunion I was sitting next to John and when the band was playing a lively tune John said softly "I could listen to that all night" I know that he is in a better place listening to the music. Rest in peace John.

Richard Lappoint - November 07, 2018 at 09:17 AM

MR

John was one of my high school classmates and we recently attended our 50th class reunion in September. I can honestly say, we all loved John and were thrilled to have him with us for our reunion. John sent me an email after the reunion to say that it was one of the most meaningful events he had attended in a long time. I believe John felt all our love for him that nite. RIP John.

Marlene L. Rodrique - November 10, 2018 at 02:58 PM