



Joseph P. Blais

November 24, 1922 - June 8, 2016

LEMINGTON, VT — Joseph P. Blais, 93, of Lemington, passed away on Wednesday morning, June 8, 2016, at the Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital in Colebrook, after a long period of declining health.

He was born in St. Herménégilde, Qué., on Nov. 24, 1922, a son to the late James and Emma (Bergeron) Blais. He was raised in St. Hermenegilde and later moved to Colebrook with his oldest brother. Joe served with honor in the U.S. Navy in the Pacific Theater during World War II.

It was during a visit to Coaticook with his brother that he met his future wife. They were married in Coaticook, and later made their home in Colebrook and then Lemington, Vt. Joe worked for the Nugent Motor Co. for 47 years, transporting fuel from Portland to Colebrook. When not on the road, he worked as a mechanic in Nugent's garage and at the filling station.

Joseph loved his vegetable garden every summer, and he enjoyed walks in the woods with his children in their younger days. He enjoyed doing jigsaw puzzles and playing cribbage with his granddaughter. He had a wonderful sense of humor that would make anyone laugh, and he and his wife were always busy doing something to help someone else.

He leaves behind his wife of 65 years, Annette (Couture) Blais of Lemington;

three children, Donald Blais of Austin, Tex., Diane West of Williston, Vt., and Patrick Blais and husband Warren Adams of Washington, D.C.; and three grandchildren, Amanda, Natalie and Brendan West.

He is preceded in death by two sons, Norman and Raymond; two brothers, Harvey and Jean Blais; and a sister, Gratia Roy.

Calling hours will be on Sunday, June 12, 2016, from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home in Colebrook. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held the next day, Monday, June 13, at 11 a.m. at St. Brendan's Catholic Church in Colebrook with The Rev. Craig Cheney as celebrant. A graveside committal service with naval honors will be at a later date at St. Brendan's Cemetery.

Expressions of sympathy in memory of Mr. Blais may be made to the 45th Parallel EMS, 46 Ramsey Road, 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.

Cemetery Details

St. Brendan's Catholic Cemetery

South Main Street
Colebrook, NH

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 12. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home
103 Main Street
Colebrook, NH

Visitation

JUN 12. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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103 Main Street
Colebrook, NH

Tribute Wall

GP

“ We are so sorry for your loss!
Gilles and Priscilla

Gilles and Priscilla - June 27, 2016 at 11:49 AM

ER

“ Our sincere condolences to all of Joe's family,
Both Dad and I worked for the Nugent family when Joe did. He was
the most dependable, level-headed, and congenial worker I have
ever met. He was kind, soft-spoken, and fun to work with, while also
being a hard worker - a rare combination. I have always enjoyed
visiting with him whenever our paths crossed since those days. The
world would be a better place if we were all more like Joe. He will be
sadly missed but he is still a role model.
E. H. Roy and Family

E. H. Roy - June 17, 2016 at 09:02 AM

SW

“ I remember the family gatherings of Joe's family and my family-we
would sometimes have Thanksgiving etc together. He was a
hardworking, decent man. Hope his family finds comfort in
memories.

Sue West - June 13, 2016 at 07:45 AM

HH

“ Pat our deepest condolences on your loss and our prayers are with
your family at this time.

Haven & Peggy Haynes - June 11, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ *Annette, So sorry. He was the nicest man. Our prayers are with you and your family. Joan and Sam Bird*

Sam and Joan Bird - June 09, 2016 at 08:19 PM

FR

“ *We are so surprised to learn the passing of your husband and father. Our prayers and condolences to all of you, family and friends. Francine & Andre Champagne*

Francine - June 09, 2016 at 02:31 PM

SW

“ *Dear Mrs. Blais, Diane and Pat & Donald, very sorry to hear of the passing of your husband/father.
Sylvie (Jolin) Weber*

Sylvie Weber - June 09, 2016 at 12:39 PM

RM

“ *Dear Annette, Pat, Donald, Diane and families,
I'm saddened to read of Joe's passing. He was a true gentleman; soft spoken and kind. He will surely be missed.
Sincerely,
Rosemary*



Rosemary Mulliken - June 09, 2016 at 11:25 AM

PP

To. The Blair family.. So sorry to hear. I saw jJoe a while ago . At rite aid. We had a. Wonderful visit. I had. Known him Since he worked for Nugents back in the. 50s. Dianne was In. Our Lloyds class. In high school. I lost my. Husband just. Two weeks ago after 63. Years. It is a sad time for all. We must remember the. Good times And carry. On. With much love. Pearl. Porter

Pearl Porter - June 12, 2016 at 02:11 PM