



## Joseph Paul 'Red' Lepine

May 30, 1934 - June 25, 2016

BLOOMFIELD – Joseph Paul ‘Red’ Lepine, 82, of Bloomfield, Vt., passed away at his home on Saturday afternoon, June 25, 2016, after a short period of ill health.

He was born on May 30, 1934, in St. Isidore, Québec, a son to the late Alphonse and Mary Louise (Perron) Lepine. Red served with honor in the U.S. Army as a French translator in Europe in the 1950s.

Following his military service, he returned to northern Vermont and NH and was married to Pauline Poulin, and together they raised their family in Bloomfield. Red worked hard to support his family at many different jobs for many years. He worked as a heavy equipment operator at the Stratford Plywood Mill and later at the Groveton Paper Board, all the while also driving school bus in the towns of Groveton, Stratford and Colebrook. He continued as a school bus driver until only recently in Colebrook. Red also served his church and community, and took care of all the cemeteries in his area, including as volunteer sexton at Fairview Cemetery for more than 10 years, at the Sacred Heart and Baldwin Cemeteries in North Stratford, and the St. Stanislaus Cemetery in Bloomfield, never accepting compensation for his work. He was a well-known local auctioneer, and he worked as a beloved funeral assistant for many years at Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home in Colebrook, again putting his translating skills to work.

Red was a faithful communicant of Sacred Heart Church in North Stratford, and he loved to spend time with his family, of which he was extremely proud. He enjoyed being in the outdoors, and to spend time at hunting camp with his brothers. He enjoyed a bit of gambling once in awhile, too, and enjoyed an occasional scratch ticket and trips to Oxford Casino in Maine. His family will also remember Red as a wonderful cook and baker, who will be missed dearly by everyone.

Red is survived by his loving wife of 58 years, Pauline (Poulin) Lepine; five children, Susan Fuller and husband David of Bloomfield, Kathy Lepine of North Stratford, Theresa Lepine of Lancaster, Patricia Purrington of Colebrook, and Gerry Lepine and wife Mary of Lost Nation; his siblings, Aura Hodge of Littleton, NH, Jeannine Labrecque of Richmond, Que., Maurice Lepine and wife Shirley of Port St. Lucie, Fla., and Daniel Lepine and wife Sue of Canaan; 11 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; as well as numerous nieces and nephews; and his faithful canine companion, Benji.

He is predeceased by an infant daughter, Mary, and a sister, Rachel Lepine.

Calling hours will be on Thursday, June 30, 2016, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home in Colebrook. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held the next day, Friday, July 1, at 2 p.m. at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in North Stratford, with The Rev. Daniel Deveau as celebrant. Interment will be at a later date, with military honors, in the Fairview Cemetery in North Stratford.

Expressions of sympathy in memory of Red may be made to the Two Rivers Ride for Cancer, c/o R. Mulliken, at 53 Spring St., Colebrook, NH 03576.

Condolences may be offered to the family on-line by going to [www.jenkinsnew](http://www.jenkinsnew)

man.com.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Fairview Cemetery

Mill Road  
North Stratford, NH

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 30. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home  
103 Main Street  
Colebrook, NH

## Service

JUL 1. 2:00 PM (ET)

Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church  
Main Street  
North Stratford, NH

# Tribute Wall

PO

“ Gerry, so sorry to learn your dad passed on. I know how close you were from our conversations. God be with you and your family.  
*Sincerely and with Sympathy, "Cabot" Paul*

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**Paul Ouimet** - July 06, 2016 at 11:12 AM

SZ

“ Words cannot express the deep sympathy we feel for your loss of such a wonderful, irreplaceable man. He enriched the lives of all whose lives he touched. Mark and Susan Zizza

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**Susan Zizza** - July 04, 2016 at 07:29 AM

DL

“ I married Uncle Paul's nephew, Gary Lepine, September 2, 1978...we were high school sweethearts! Sadly my husband passed away on July 24, 1985.  
*The Lepine family is one of the most loving, caring, supportive and faith filled families I have ever known. Seeing you all this evening was both heart wrenching and joyful. I became part of this family over 30 years ago and I remain a part of this amazing family and always will. Our sons, Gregory and Thomas, are the loving examples from this family. Uncle Paul was one of the most unselfish and giving man I have ever met. He will certainly be missed by all, but what a wonderful addition to Heaven he will make. We love you all and will always cherish your strong family bonds and unending love and faith. May God Bless you. Love from Denise, Greg, and Thomas.*

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**Denise Lepine-Whitehead** - June 30, 2016 at 09:21 PM

BD

“ so sorry for the loss of your dad. may this candle always shine above him. love barb daley



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**barbara daley** - June 30, 2016 at 01:09 PM

RP

“ To all the Lepine Family we are truly sorry for your loss. Our deepest Sympathy for you all. I know we all feel this way Red was a great man did alot for everyone he will be missed. I remember growing up I spent alot of time at his house and he would always stay you might as well move in, your always here! And Pauline would laugh and shake her head. We did alot with the Lepine family my brothers would tell me story about Red. Our Thoughts and Prayers are with you all. God Bless you all and your loved ones!

*Love, Roger, Roland, Richard, Rene, Rosemarie, Robert, Rex, Sylvain, Daniel, Steve and Michael Lanctot Joyce Lanctot*

*BIG HUGS FOR EVERYONE Lots of Love Rosemarie Lanctot Prince*

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**Rosemarie L Prince** - June 30, 2016 at 08:46 AM

LJ

“ my sincere symphathies to all the lepine children your dad will be greatly missed

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**lynn jolin** - June 30, 2016 at 08:10 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Joseph Paul 'Red' Lepine.*



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June 29, 2016 at 08:55 PM



“ *Jakie & Lenny Caires lit a candle in memory of Joseph Paul 'Red' Lepine*



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**Jakie & Lenny Caires** - June 29, 2016 at 07:13 PM



*DEEPEST SYMPANTHY*

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**Jakie** - June 29, 2016 at 07:14 PM

MA

“ to my brothers family,I share you grief,Paul was not only my brother he was my best friend,we understood each other perfectly,we loved each other totally,I cannot tell you how much I will miss him,we called each other at least ounce a week ,he talked,I listen,he would on occasion let me get to what I wanted to say.I want remember him the way he was a couple of weeks ago when we were all sharing a meal together,laughing sharing stories There is a hole in my heart that can never be filled,I will miss him so much. So many great memories so many great times,I was always so proud of him,he had the kindest heart,his family meant everything to him. I have looked at so many of my loved ones in there caskets,I could not bear to see Paul in his,please forgive me.  
Maurice

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**Maurice** - June 29, 2016 at 06:47 PM

GM

*We share the same love and loss we love you both very much*

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**Gerry and Mary** - June 29, 2016 at 09:30 PM

JC

“ Jan And Phil Corliss lit a candle in memory of Joseph Paul 'Red' Lepine



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**Jan and Phil Corliss** - June 29, 2016 at 03:43 PM

FR

“ *Our sympathy to all of the Lepine family. Francine and Andre Champagne*

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**Francine** - June 29, 2016 at 03:30 PM

GL

“ *We are so sorry for your loss!*

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**Gilles and Priscilla Lambert** - June 29, 2016 at 12:42 PM

DB

“ *Debbie And Josey Bedard lit a candle in memory of Joseph Paul 'Red' Lepine*



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**Debbie and Josey Bedard** - June 29, 2016 at 10:28 AM

GL

“ From Gerry to my best friend. I want to share a brief story with everyone. Last Friday I picked my dad up at the VA hospital after what he convinced me was a brief illness and was okay to come home. His nurse Jessica helped him into the car and gave him a hug. I looked at the big smile on my dads face shooked my head and we were off for our 2 hour ride home. He told me "Gerry we need to talk". He explained to me that he knew he was going to die. Little did I know that that would only mean 24 hours. He proceeded to tell me about a list of things that I needed to do which included which suit he would wear, who to call, and what to do. He made me promise no 911, no CPR, etc. He said that when he passed to be sure that my sisters would not be present when they took him away. As I held my dad through the night I then realized how real this was. He apologized for putting this all on me but said he knew I could handle it. This was a lot to handle. The next day my dad died peacefully with me by his side. I want to thank you dad for that last day. I want to thank my sisters for not holding me responsible for the decisions I made. It is something I will carry with me for a long time. I love you dad.

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**Gerry Lepine** - June 28, 2016 at 06:00 PM

BR



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**Brenda** - June 29, 2016 at 10:28 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Joseph Paul 'Red' Lepine.



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June 28, 2016 at 04:33 PM

FC

“ FCI - Berlin Facilities Crew purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Joseph Paul 'Red' Lepine.



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**FCI - Berlin Facilities Crew** - June 28, 2016 at 02:49 PM

BG

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all....All our Love, Bo & Brenda and Family



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**Bo and Brenda Gaudette** - June 28, 2016 at 01:41 PM

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“ Nancy (Caron)Sielicki lit a candle in memory of Joseph Paul 'Red' Lepine



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**Nancy (Caron)Sielicki** - June 28, 2016 at 12:00 PM

LL

“ Our sympathy to all of the Lepine family. Red was a wonderful and giving man. The North Country has lost one of it's great ones. May God bring you all peace during this sad and difficult time.

*Louie & Nancy Lamoureux*

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**Louie & Nancy Lamoureux** - June 28, 2016 at 11:17 AM

AF

“ *AI@ Wanda Fontaine lit a candle in memory of Joseph Paul 'Red' Lepine*



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**AI@ Wanda Fontaine** - June 28, 2016 at 11:00 AM

WM

“ *Red and I worked together every day for almost 18 years. I have many great memories of those days. when we moved away, Red would always call us with news of the north country. He never failed to call me on my birthday. we will miss him. Rest in peace, old friend. Willy and Gisele Mountain*

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**william mountain** - June 28, 2016 at 09:40 AM

OK

“ *Our deepest sympathy. Steve & Nancy Kirks purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Joseph Paul 'Red' Lepine.*



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**Our deepest sympathy. Steve & Nancy Kirks** - June 28, 2016 at 08:52 AM

TT

“ *We are very saddened to hear of Paul's passing. He was a great friend to my father, Ray. We hold you all in our thoughts and prayers. May your happy memories help carry you through this sad time. God Bless  
Tammy and Raymond Thivierge*

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**Tammy Thivierge** - June 28, 2016 at 07:36 AM

MC

“ *Mary Cote lit a candle in memory of Joseph Paul 'Red' Lepine*



mary cote - June 28, 2016 at 07:34 AM

MC

*rip*

mary cote - June 28, 2016 at 07:34 AM

  
Valerie  
Foy

*Sorry for your loss.*

Valerie Foy - June 28, 2016 at 08:09 AM

AF

*Sorry to hear of your loss, our prayers are with all the family.  
My Husband worked with Red at the Mill for a number of years.  
He was a very nice person. God Bless you all. RIP.  
AI @ Wanda Fontaine.*

AI@ Wanda Fontaine - June 28, 2016 at 10:58 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Joseph Paul 'Red' Lepine.*



June 28, 2016 at 06:32 AM

AG

“ Aura & Gilles purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Joseph Paul 'Red' Lepine.



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**Aura & Gilles** - June 27, 2016 at 10:30 PM

KB

“ I am deeply saddened for I had recently connected with family again. ..my father Bob Congdon will help receive him to out Lord. ..

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**Karie Boucher** - June 27, 2016 at 09:56 PM

SB

“ I was surprised and saddened to hear of Red's passing. I owe him a debt of gratitude for everything he did to help me as a young Auctioneer. He was a good man who gave freely of himself. The North Country lost a good one.

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**Steve Bissonnette** - June 27, 2016 at 08:54 PM

SP

“ Susan (Hodge) and Ernie Planck purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Joseph Paul 'Red' Lepine.



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**Susan (Hodge) and Ernie Planck** - June 27, 2016 at 08:46 PM

MS

“ Maurice and Shirley purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Joseph Paul 'Red' Lepine.



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**Maurice and Shirley** - June 27, 2016 at 07:09 PM

JW

“ Red was a wonderful man and will be greatly missed. He drove bus for all for of my boys. One day he couldn't get the bus out and drove his truck out to our place to pick up the youngest two so they wouldn't miss school! Love you Red! Much love and prayers to the family!

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**Janet Washburn** - June 27, 2016 at 06:45 PM

DB

“ Uncle Red was a big part of my life growing up. I rember spending Saturday nights with them and getting up on Sunday mornings to go to church with all of them. And as with most families we grow up and move on as I did. Then years later I started going back to church and getting involved and was able to spend time once again with him and Aunt Pauline because they were very active in the church community. They both finally talked me into working at Bingo on Wednesday nights so was fortunate to spend time once again. When I opened DeBanvilles he was my neighbor and every morning he would come and get his paper and yes he was well known for "his" stories! He will be missed and my thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends

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**Darlene Belknap** - June 27, 2016 at 06:43 PM

TA

“ Tom "Tommy" Ascoli purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Joseph Paul 'Red' Lepine.



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**Tom "Tommy" Ascoli** - June 27, 2016 at 05:51 PM

ML

“ Red was always a stand up guy, and we enjoyed Bingo with him and Pauline for many years. He was always very lucky at the casino, and we got a kick out of his stories after he had been there. Red will be missed by our whole community. Condolences and love to his entire family.  
Mitzi & Danny

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**MICHELLE LESPERANCE** - June 27, 2016 at 05:40 PM

TA

“ To the Lepine family,  
I was devastated when I heard of Red passing away.  
The Lepine family can hold your heads high and be proud that you had such a wonderful man in your lives.  
I will miss him very, very dearly.  
I'm so sorry.

Tom Ascoli  
"Tommy"

Weybridge, Vt



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**Tom Ascoli** - June 27, 2016 at 03:56 PM