



Josephine LaChance

June 20, 1922 - June 28, 2019

COLEBROOK — Josephine “Jo” LaChance, 97, passed away peacefully at her home in East Colebrook on Friday evening, June 28, 2019.

She was born on June 20, 1922, in Newmarket, NH, a daughter to the late Daniel J. and M. Adaline (Varney) Brady. She grew up on a small dairy farm, was always active in 4-H, and enjoyed the Grange Hall dances in Lee on the weekends. She received a teaching degree from Keene Teachers’ College and later earned a Masters’ degree in Alaska.

Jo began her teaching career in Nottingham, NH, with a single class of grades 1-4. Two years later, she moved to Montana where she taught 1st grade for the next two years. She then relocated to Alaska, and taught in Wrangell, Palmer, and for 26 years in the Anchorage school system--in the Denali School, Government Hill, Turnagin, and the Lake Otis school. She was awarded an honorary life membership in the Alaska Congress of Parents & Teachers in 1969.

She was a 60-year member of Delta Kappa Gamma, and regularly attended DKG meetings. She was also a member of the Metallak Retired Teachers and the local Red Hat Society. Jo loved to play bridge, and was one of the original four members who started the local bridge club in Colebrook. She also enjoyed gardening and watching the wildlife around her home.

She is predeceased by her first husband of 20 years, Richard F. Rasch, her second husband of 40 years, James E. LaChance, her parents, two sisters, and three brothers. She leaves behind four generations of nieces and nephews, and her cat, Pepper.

There are no public calling hours. A graveside interment service will be held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, July 3, in the Colebrook Village Cemetery

Expressions of sympathy in memory of Jo may be made to the Delta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, an international women's educational organization, for their scholarship fund, c/o Mary Jolles, chapter treasurer, 206 Roaring Brook Road, Colebrook, NH 03576.

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

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

Cemetery Details

Colebrook Village Cemetery

North Main Street, U.S. Route 3
Colebrook, NH

Tribute Wall

ZM

“ I taught with Jo In Anchorage, Alaska. She was a very gracious lady and a great teacher. Several years ago some of us went to an early childhood seminar "back east" and we had time to visit Jo and Jim...it was a great visit and brings special memories.
Zonnie Morrisette

Zonzetta Morrisette - August 05, 2019 at 01:12 PM

EK

“ What a marvelous woman! We will miss her wit , humor as well as great life stories.

Emmy and Bruce Katz

Emmy Katz - July 12, 2019 at 02:55 PM

GL

“ We are so sorry for your loss, our thoughts and prayers are with you! She was such a nice lady.
Gilles & Priscilla Lambert

Gilles and Priscilla Lambert - July 09, 2019 at 12:23 PM

LJ

“ I was saddened to read in the Anchorage paper this morning about Jo-----I can picture her right now at our bridge table 40 years ago! She was such a gentle sweet fun lady. My heart is with you all.
Linda Johnson

Linda F Johnson - July 09, 2019 at 11:42 AM

BB

“I met Josephine in 1986 when I joined Delta Chapter. Through the years she cheered us with her life experiences, strengthened our resolve with advice and wisdom, and encouraged us to continue our education. Josephine was a loving lady who will deeply missed.”
Barbara Baker, President of Delta Chapter

Barbara Baker - July 02, 2019 at 06:17 PM

AG

“I enjoyed getting to know Josephine at our Delta meetings. She was always so interested in what people had to say. We enjoyed chatting about growing up in Newmarket (my home town too), and about teaching experiences. She will be missed by many. Ann Gray

Ann Gray - July 01, 2019 at 01:00 PM



“I loved this lady. We first met through Delta. She would pick me up for the meetings and when we got to Groveton we would pick up a wonderful teacher friend of mine. We did this for years until my friend moved to FL and I kind of faded away from the group. From there Jo and her bridge friends taught me to play bridge and the rest was history. Jo was one of the first ones we asked to join our Red Hat Group and she went to every meeting that she could. We are all blessed to have had this wonderful lady in our lives.

Patty Hart - June 30, 2019 at 01:01 PM

GJ

“May she rest in peace. She and her husband were nice neighbors for many years.

Ginger Jannenga

Ginger Jannenga - June 30, 2019 at 01:01 PM



“ *What a lovely and gracious lady.* ”



Rita Donnell - June 30, 2019 at 11:28 AM

JO

“ *My deepest condolences.* ”

Joanne OBrien - June 30, 2019 at 10:22 AM