



Karen S. Lamontagne

February 21, 1950 - September 22, 2011

COLEBROOK, NH—Mrs. Karen Sue (McNeely) Lamontagne, 61, wife, mother, sister and friend, left us Thursday September 22, 2011, surrounded by her loving family at the Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital in Colebrook, following a long and courageous battle with cancer.

Karen was born in St Johnsbury, Vt., to Naidina Hunt McNeely and Warren Jack McNeely on February 21, 1950. She was graduated from Colebrook Academy, Class of 1968, and went on to attend Concord School of Nursing, earning a registered nurse degree. After serving as a compassionate nurse for 22 years, she changed careers and worked as a veterinary technician. She married Benoit Lamontagne in 1989, and husband and wife began a new career as proprietors and managers of Lazerworks Radio Shack in Colebrook until August, 2010.

Karen was very active in her church, St Stephens in Colebrook. She was a person of strong faith and served as secretary of the vestry for over 20 years. She loved being with her family and friends at her beloved cottage on Maidstone Lake, Vt. Her favorite past times included gardening, designing and drawing home plans, knitting and listening to music.

Karen was a wonderful spirit who was loved and admired for her kindness and gentle nature. She will be remembered for her beautiful smile and for her great courage in her battles with cancer.

She leaves her loving husband of 22 years, Benoit "Beno" Lamontagne of Colebrook, NH; her daughter Maria and husband Charles of Barrington, NH; her son Matthew and wife Kathleen and their three sons, Michael, Blaine and Christian of Bensalem, Penn.; a brother, Bill McNeely of Maidstone Lake, Vt.; and half-sister Micki Mulkern of Tucson, Ariz. She will also be missed by her large extended family.

She is preceded in death by her father; her mother on the same date in 2007; and a step-

sister, Beverly Lowry.

There will be no public calling hours. An Episcopal memorial funeral Mass will be said on Saturday, October 1, 2011, at 11 a.m. at the Trinity United Methodist Church in Colebrook. The Rev. Marlyn Neary will be the celebrant.

Expressions of sympathy in memory of Mrs. Lamontagne may be made to the Two Rivers Ride for Cancer, c/o the 1st Colebrook Bank, 132 Main St., Colebrook, NH 03576; or to the UCVH, 181 Corliss Lane, Colebrook, NH 03576; or to the Tillotson Center for the Arts, c/o Rick Tillotson, Munn 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.

Tribute Wall



“ *Beno, Joeng and I mourn the loss of Karen. She was a wonderful person and will be missed. You and your family are in our prayers.##imported-begin##Joeng and Mike Divney##imported-end##*

October 29, 2011 at 10:35 AM



“ *Hello Beno, long time no see. My wife Ann and I wanted to tell you that you are in our prayers. We wish you strength during these tough times. God bless you and your family. Roger.##imported-begin##Roger Fillion##imported-end##*

October 13, 2011 at 08:29 PM



“ *Beno, I am so sorry to learn of Karen's passing. My deepest sympathies to you and your family. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. Stay strong and know your friends are there for you at all times. G##imported-begin##Gennette Carr##imported-end##*

October 13, 2011 at 09:21 AM



“ *Benoit, so sorry to hear of Karen's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Blessings, Rebecca Larson##imported-begin##Rebecca Larson##imported-end##*

October 10, 2011 at 12:04 PM



“ *Just want to express our condolences for the lost of your wife. May god bless you and help you through this difficult time. Love Duane & Brenda Klebe##imported-begin##Duane & Brenda Klebe##imported-end##*

October 06, 2011 at 06:58 PM



“ To the Lamontagne Family,

Our sincere condolences to you at the time of Karen's passing. Having lost our mother at an early age, we know that life is too short for too many, but we have confidence that our loved ones are much better having left all earthly sufferings behind for good....##imported-begin##Dave and Bonnie Auger##imported-end##

October 06, 2011 at 02:55 PM



“ *Beno, My heart goes out to you. You had a wonderful lady in your life but I know Karen is taking care of her family from above. We are so sorry for your loss. Thinking of you... Shirley & John Flores*##imported-begin##Shirley Molloy-Flores##imported-end##

October 05, 2011 at 08:11 AM



“ *Our deepest sympathy on your loss.*
Fred and Sue##imported-begin##Sue Miller##imported-end##

October 02, 2011 at 10:22 PM



“ *Beno, I'm so sorry to hear of Karen's passing. My family's prayers are with you and your family.*##imported-begin##Rob Barry##imported-end##

October 02, 2011 at 10:11 PM



“ *Sorry to hear about Karen our thoughts and prayers are with you, if there is anything we can do or if you need anything please let us know.*##imported-begin##Glenn & Tracy Perry##imported-end##

October 02, 2011 at 07:37 PM



“ *Dear beno, First of all I'd like to say how sorry I am for your loss, life doesn't seem right at times but we must go on. If there's anything I can do for you please let me know. YOUR OLD FRIEND Louis Rancourt*##imported-begin##louis rancourt##imported-end##

October 02, 2011 at 11:12 AM



“ So sorry to hear of Karen's passing. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Ed Chester##imported-end##

October 02, 2011 at 07:26 AM



“ Beno & family, We are deeply saddened by your recent loss of your beautiful wife, Karen. We didn't know her but realize from what was written in the paper and by people from Colebrook that she was a beautiful, caring person. She was loved by you and that makes her special, too. Let us know if there is anything we can do to help you through this sad time. We may not have seen each other through the years but by just knowing you back years ago we feel we have a friend for life. We do think of you often when we hear a song or see a blue vette. Friendship stands the test of time. Love Always!! Mark & Darlene Our address is: 300 Field Rd. Groton, Vt. 05046. Look us up some time. We are actually in West Barnet but have a Groton mailing address. Take Care!! We were unable to make the service today (Oct. 1) because we had plans with our children and grandchildren but would have come to support you if we could have. It meant the world to us that you came to our father's service. Our parents were very fond of you, Beno. May GOD give you the strength you need at this time and always!##imported-begin##Darlene & Mark Cote##imported-end##

October 01, 2011 at 10:56 AM



“ Benoit, Our heartfelt prayers are with you and your family.##imported-begin##Greg and Tonya Eastman##imported-end##

October 01, 2011 at 07:54 AM



“ All our Condolences to you Bino and to all the family##imported-begin##Francine & Andre Champagne##imported-end##

September 30, 2011 at 09:43 PM



“ Beno my friend...I'm very sorry to hear about the lost of your wife. While you kept me informed of her situation, I was still set back when I heard the news of her passing.

Your a good man Beno. I wish you all the best and my thoughts will be with you during this difficult time in your life.

They say that behind every good man there is a good woman. Your wife must have been one hell of a good woman!##imported-begin##Mark Belanger##imported-end##

September 30, 2011 at 09:12 AM



“ Beno:

Theresa and I express our sincere sympathies to you at this time. Know that she and you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers in this very difficult time.

Gary##imported-begin##Gary Chabot##imported-end##

September 30, 2011 at 08:31 AM



“ Beno, we're so sorry to hear of Karen's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.##imported-begin##Bob & Debby Rancourt##imported-end##

September 29, 2011 at 09:55 PM



“ Dear cousin,
Everybody in Quebec is offering their condolences. Our prayers are for you and the family. We lost a wonderful person here, but we'll have another angel to look after us up there!##imported-begin##Francine Morin##imported-end##

September 29, 2011 at 07:34 PM



“ Beno, thinking about you, Maria, and Matt. Karen was a dear and kind person to me. I will never forgot her.##imported-begin##Lindy Falconer##imported-end##

September 29, 2011 at 04:49 PM



“ *Beno,.I was very sad to here about Karen.
But by reading all these messages. I know she was a very special person and
loved by many. Just like you are! May God bless you my friend.
Mike Chaloux###imported-begin###Mike Chaloux###imported-end##*

September 29, 2011 at 04:12 PM



“ *Dear Beno: Please accept our sincere condolences on the loss of Karen. We did
not know her very well but the few times that we did speak it was obvious that she
was a very special person. God Bless.
Ray & Berangere Lavigne###imported-begin###Ray Lavigne###imported-end##*

September 29, 2011 at 07:35 AM



“ *Beno & Family, I am so sorry for your heartbreaking loss of Karen after such a
courageous battle. I pray that you all will be comforted by your many cherished
memories of her & knowing that she is no longer suffering. She was truly a
wonderful, caring, & gentle woman with a beautiful smile. My deepest & heartfelt
sympathy to you all. Rest in GOD'S arms, Karen.###imported-begin###Valerie
Mahnke###imported-end##*

September 29, 2011 at 02:49 AM



“ *I was very sorry to here of Karen's passing. She was a lovely person and will be
missed. My condolence to Beno, Mathew, and Maria. Also I extend this
condolence to the rest of her wonderful family as well.*

My deepest sympathy,

Kathryn###imported-begin###Kathryn Harrigan###imported-end##

September 28, 2011 at 06:28 PM



“ Dear Beno & Family,
I am so sorry for your loss. I remember when I worked up at the Great North Woods Bakery, Beno came in and asked me to make a special birthday cake for Karen. He wanted one as a joke and a real one of course. I decorated up a square piece of foam and a real one. I would have loved to see the reaction from Karen, but I bet it was a blast for Karen. Beno you were always that jokester. Remember all your good times. She is still with you in your heart and soul. God Bless you all. My thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Robin Ramsdell##imported-end##

September 28, 2011 at 02:46 PM



“ Dear Beno and family members,

I offer you my deepest condolences on the loss of such a lovely woman.

Blessings,

Christine Conlogue##imported-begin##Christine Conlogue##imported-end##

September 28, 2011 at 01:07 PM



“ Benoit, I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and deepest sympathies are with you and your family. Sincerest Condolences, Theresa Upstill##imported-begin##Theresa Upstill##imported-end##

September 28, 2011 at 12:51 PM



“ To Beano and Family,

Please except my deepest sympathy on your great loss. Sorry I cannot be with you on Oct. 1st but you are in my prayers.

Most Sincerely,

Glenn English##imported-begin##Glenn English##imported-end##

September 28, 2011 at 10:53 AM



“ Dear Beno and family,

I am writing to express my heartfelt sympathy for the loss of Karen. Having lost a young brother to cancer, I know how difficult a time this has been for all of you. Karen is at peace now, and I hope that knowing she is finally at rest will make your grief a little less painful.

I am sorry that I will not be able to attend the service on Saturday, as I will be in Florida with my terminally ill mother. A time of sadness for us all! Take care of each other.

With deepest sympathy,

David Wood###imported-begin##David Wood###imported-end##

September 28, 2011 at 10:43 AM



“ Beno, Maria and Matt, Sorry for your loss, Karen was a wonderful person and always had a smile. I will miss that. R.I.P Karen###imported-begin##Rosalie King###imported-end##

September 28, 2011 at 09:34 AM



“ Dear Beno and Family,

Our deepest condolences on your loss. We know Karen will live in your heart always. May you see her smile upon you with every sunrise and sunset, and every bright star at night.

Sincerely,

Pat and Michael Garvin###imported-begin##Patricia Garvin###imported-end##

September 28, 2011 at 09:31 AM



“ Dear Maria and Family, Your Mom was a very special person. We will remember her fondly and cherish the time we spent together at Maidstone Lake. Deepest sympathy. Walt, Tracy, Michael and Natalie###imported-begin##Tracy Bilynsky###imported-end##

September 27, 2011 at 08:21 PM



“ Our thoughts are with you.##imported-begin##Norman & Debbie Charest##imported-end##

September 27, 2011 at 08:05 PM



“ Beno, Matt & Maria
We are so sorry for your loss. Karen had a beautiful smile, gentle spirit and will be very missed. Rest knowing that she is watching over you all and is smiling upon you. God Bless you all.
Chantal & Keenan##imported-begin##Chantal & Keenan Carney##imported-end##

September 27, 2011 at 02:15 PM



“ Dear Beno, my condolences on your loss and my sincerest sympathies to your family. Jane##imported-begin##Jane T. Wilson##imported-end##

September 27, 2011 at 12:32 PM



“ Dear Beno, Maria, Matt and family: A beautiful light has left us. May her spirit be with all of you,her dearly beloved family and friends, until we see her again-- Susan and Mark Zizza##imported-begin##Susan and Mark Zizza##imported-end##

September 27, 2011 at 11:28 AM



“ Dear Beno: Please accept my sympathies and concern for you and your family. You are in my thoughts and prayers, as you have been.
Peter##imported-begin##Peter Powell##imported-end##

September 27, 2011 at 11:22 AM



“ Beano,
I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Bill Andreas##imported-end##

September 27, 2011 at 11:00 AM



“ Dear Beno,
I'm so sorry for the loss of Karen- Seeing you two together was always so sweet as you two were obviously so in love.
Karen was always smiling whenever I saw her and had such a kind, caring spirit. I can only imagine your grief and sadness now, so know that I'm sending love and peace for you and your family. Take comfort in the music and memories and know that Karen suffers no more-
God Bless you and Matt and Maria--##imported-begin##Dawn
Pereira##imported-end##

September 26, 2011 at 09:57 PM



“ To the Lamontagne family: We had the pleasure of meeting Karen a number of years ago when she was serving as a nurse. She was one of the kindest, most gentle souls who ever lived. We are terribly sorry for your loss. With deepest sympathy, Del & Majel Wood.##imported-begin##Del & Majel Wood##imported-end##

September 26, 2011 at 09:34 PM



“ To Beno and family:

We are so sorry for your lost. We will think of you and pray for you. She will be missed by everybody.##imported-begin##Manon and Yvon Robert##imported-end##

September 26, 2011 at 08:29 PM



“ Beno, so sorry to hear about Karen's passing. Our deepest sympathies to you and your family. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you.##imported-begin##Ron and Bette Guerin##imported-end##

September 26, 2011 at 07:02 PM



“ We only met once, you welcomed me into your home, and were a truly beautiful person, thank you.##imported-begin##Jeanette Pearson##imported-end##

September 26, 2011 at 06:30 PM



“ My deepest sympathy and sincere condolences are with you and your family at this difficult time.##imported-begin##Steve Reddyhough##imported-end##

September 26, 2011 at 06:18 PM



“ Karen's loving spirit will remain with all those of us she touched. Her joy of life was clear. A true spirit of the northern reaches.##imported-begin##Kathy Eneguess##imported-end##

September 26, 2011 at 05:54 PM



“ Beno I am so sad to hear of Karen's passing. Karen was a beautiful person. She had a lovely grace & gentleness about her and I always enjoyed visiting with her. My thoughts & prayers go with you that you find some comfort in knowing what a magikal & wonderful relationship you 2 shared. Stay strong Beno & know she will always be watching over you. Rest in peace Karen.##imported-begin##Scotia Jordan##imported-end##

September 26, 2011 at 05:52 PM



“ Beno, so terribly sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.##imported-begin##Pat Beauregard##imported-end##

September 26, 2011 at 04:39 PM



“ Beno,

Just a short note my friend that our thoughts and prayers are with you at your time of loss.##imported-begin##Scott Stephens##imported-end##

September 26, 2011 at 03:10 PM



“ Beno,Bill,Maria & Matt...my heart breaks for you all. Karen, was indeed, one of the kindest, most sincere souls, I've had the privilege to know. And for those of us blessed to call her "family", she will be missed. I'm comforted knowing mom was there to greet her with a great big hug. Love to you all. Paige##imported-begin##Paige Lowry##imported-end##

September 26, 2011 at 02:58 PM



“ I present my deep condolence to Karen 's family and Beno for this early departure from this life.

I address my sincere sympathy.##imported-begin##Michel Bisson##imported-end##

September 26, 2011 at 02:24 PM



“ Beno, so sorry to hear about Karen's passing. Our deepest sympathies to you and your family.##imported-begin##Mariann Nadeau Letarte##imported-end##

September 26, 2011 at 02:02 PM



“ My condolences to Beno, Matt, Maria and all the family.##imported-begin##Monique Beaudoin Van Leuven##imported-end##

September 26, 2011 at 01:51 PM



“ Beno: Please accept my heartfelt sympathy in your loss of Karen. She fought a valiant fight. She is now among the angels resting in peace! God Bless. Julie##imported-begin##Julie Daley##imported-end##

September 26, 2011 at 01:49 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you Beno. I pray that peace finds you as it has now found Karen. God Bless. CJ##imported-begin##Christine Davis##imported-end##

September 26, 2011 at 01:39 PM



“ Beno, Matt, Maria and family,

Please accept my deepest sympathy on the loss of Karen. She is a wonderful example of one of Gods disciples. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. God bless you, Patty Hart##imported-begin##Patty Hart##imported-end##

September 26, 2011 at 01:22 PM



“ Linda and I extend our deep sympathy to you, Maria, Matt and Bill for your loss of Karen. She was a bright light and a solid rock on the shore of our community.

Sincerely, Rick and Linda Tillotson

September 26, 2011 at 10:34 AM



“ Our deepest sympathy to Beno and the family.

Love,
Michael & Carol Lanctot

September 25, 2011 at 10:11 PM



“ Beno, Maria, Matt, Bill and Family... I am in shock and deeply saddened at your loss. You all have been and continue to be so very important to me. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.

September 25, 2011 at 09:31 PM



“ Beno, Matthew and Maria, I was very sorry to hear about the passing of Karen. She was a wonderful person and always greeted people with a happy smile. I was sorry to hear that she was sick and shocked to learn she lost her battle. She is now in Heaven and the kitties we got from you many years ago are keeping her company.

September 25, 2011 at 08:08 PM



“ Beno, my thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family.

September 25, 2011 at 04:11 PM



“ Karen, you were so brave and so courageous and so determined. You are an inspiration to so many. I will miss you more than words can say. For Beno and Matt and Maria, my heart is with you all.##imported-begin##Donna Jordan##imported-end##

September 25, 2011 at 03:35 PM



“ Dear Beno and Family, I am sorry to hear of Karens passing. It's not an easy time for you but be comforted by knowing her suffering is over. You are in my thoughts and prayers. God Bless and R.I.P. Karen.##imported-begin##Joanne Mathieu##imported-end##

September 25, 2011 at 03:02 PM



“ Dear Beno, I'm so sorry to hear about Karen. Your friend always, Donna xo##imported-begin##Donna Chaloux McLaren##imported-end##

September 25, 2011 at 12:40 PM



“ Our prayers and thoughts are with you##imported-begin##Jim & Sandy Guay##imported-end##

September 24, 2011 at 11:42 PM



“ Sorry and very sad for your loss of Karen. We will miss her and were lucky to have known her. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.##imported-begin##Samuel and Joan Bird##imported-end##

September 24, 2011 at 07:08 PM



“ Beano, So sorry to hear about Karen. Sending you and yours good thoughts and prayers, God Bless.##imported-begin##Paula Walling##imported-end##

September 24, 2011 at 04:03 PM



“ Beno --- My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.##imported-begin##Ginette White##imported-end##

September 24, 2011 at 01:19 PM



“ *Beno we offer you and your family our deepest condolences. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Let us know if there is anything we can do.##imported-begin##John and Linda Poutre##imported-end##*

September 24, 2011 at 11:29 AM



“ *Beno--
Karen put up a good fight--I'm so sorry she lost her battle.
Our thoughts are with you and your family--Pat & Bernie##imported-begin##Pat Banfill ##imported-end##*

September 24, 2011 at 11:21 AM



“ *Beno, You are in my prayers Ben, thinking of you and hoping you can stay strong as you can through this sad time.##imported-begin##Calvin Crawford##imported-end##*

September 24, 2011 at 08:06 AM



“ *My sincere condolence to the family. Thinking of you . My prayers are with you .##imported-begin##Denise Carrier##imported-end##*

September 23, 2011 at 09:29 PM



“ *Dear Beno,

I'm so sorry for your loss. It was so evident the love you shared. Karen will be missed by all that new her.

Sandy and Paula Stevens##imported-begin##Sandy##imported-end##*

September 23, 2011 at 08:15 PM



“ *Breno - many, many thoughts and prayers for you and Karen's family at this terrible time of loss and sadness for you all.##imported-begin##Ginger J.##imported-end##*

September 23, 2011 at 05:09 PM