



## Kenneth G. Crawford

September 4, 1928 - May 11, 2017

COLEBROOK – Kenneth G. Crawford, 88, of Colebrook, passed away at on Thursday, May 11, 2017, at the Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital after a recent period of failing health and with his family by his side.

He was born in Colebrook on Sept. 4, 1928, a son to the late William and Lila (Pond) Crawford. Kenneth was a 1947 graduate of Colebrook Academy, and was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1951. He served with honor for two years, mostly with post-World War II occupation forces in Austria and Germany.

Upon returning home, Ken followed in the family business and purchased his own farm. He led the farm life for many years, but also worked in the woods for other local companies. He was a keen mechanic, and after farming, he worked as a mechanic at the local Chevrolet dealership and later in the maintenance department at the Coos County Nursing Hospital for 16 years, from which he retired. Home farming remained with him, though, as the vegetable garden in his backyard was renowned far and wide.

Ken also enjoyed motorcycling and snowmobiling, even into his later years, and liked making small batches of maple syrup in the spring, woodworking, gardening, and he loved to spend time with his family and grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Freda (Coates) Crawford of Colebrook;

two sons, Karl Crawford and wife Stephanie, and Kurtis Crawford and wife Cheryl, all of Deerfield, NH; four grandchildren, Mallery Crawford, Amanda Crawford, Madison Crawford and Olivia Crawford; a great-grandson, Mason Lessard; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He is preceded in death by his five siblings, William, Almon, and Hollis Crawford, Wilma Crawford, and Zella Kenney.

There are no public calling hours. A graveside service with military honors will be held in the Colebrook Village Cemetery on Sunday, May 21, at 1 p.m.

Expressions of sympathy in memory of Mr. Crawford may be made to the Two Rivers Ride for Cancer, c/o R. Mulliken, 53 Spring St., Colebrook, NH 03576; or to the UCVH, 181 Corliss Lane, Colebrook, NH 03576.

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

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

# Cemetery Details

## Colebrook Village Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Service

MAY **21**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall

KR

“ I had just seen this, Freda, I am so sorry for your loss of Ken!! He was such a gentle soul, and always smiling! I used to love seeing him hang perpendicular from a pole! What a strong man for as slight as he was. The boys had a good father and mother for sure as they turned out the same! Again, I am so sorry for your loss! Much love!!!

Karen Rainville - May 19, 2023 at 09:38 PM

KR

I did not even know he passed in 2017, so I am happy I had a chance to see this

Karen Rainville - May 19, 2023 at 09:40 PM

WE

“ Wendy munn Kirk and Steve Kirk



wendy - July 27, 2017 at 12:28 PM

DC

“ Aunt Frieda, I am so saddened to hear of Ken's passing!! You two were quite a duo and I know the days ahead will be hard. Please know that I will be praying for you, your sons and their families!!!! (I have always loved that pole picture!!!) Love Dee

Dee Coggin - May 22, 2017 at 08:42 AM

GL

“ We are so sorry for your loss, our thoughts and prayers are with you!

Gilles & Priscilla Lambert - May 22, 2017 at 07:38 AM

AH

“ Sorry for your loss. April (Savage) Hatch

April Hatch - May 21, 2017 at 06:24 PM



Thelma Baker

“ Thelma Baker lit a candle in memory of Kenneth G. Crawford



Thelma Baker - May 21, 2017 at 08:29 AM



Thelma Baker

“ So sorry for your loss

Thelma Baker - May 21, 2017 at 08:28 AM

LH

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. Keeping you and your family in prayer Freda.

Linda Hughes - May 17, 2017 at 09:43 PM

DL

“ Our sincere condolence's to Freda, Karl, Kurt and their families.



Dale and Sharon Lynch - May 17, 2017 at 06:56 PM

TE

“ Tricia E. Ellingwood lit a candle in memory of Kenneth G. Crawford



Tricia E. Ellingwood - May 17, 2017 at 01:51 PM

LB

“ I am so sorry to here of your loss.  
I will always remember my summer vacations in Colebrooke and going to the lake with Freda and Ken. He was a wonderful man and will be greatly missed. My prayers for comfort andhealing go to your family now.

Laurie Brown - May 17, 2017 at 12:53 AM

DL

“ Dave and Bonny Lake purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Kenneth G. Crawford.



Dave and Bonny Lake - May 16, 2017 at 10:22 PM

DL

“ I was introduced to Ken and his lovely wife a few years ago by his son Karl. Whom I work with at Pike inds. We've always had nice visits when we came north to go snowmobiling at the local Snodeo some of which involved leaving from their dooryard. Ken was some character, seeing his dad do a pole stand right there along side rt. 26 at his spry age of 75. We've enjoyed great dinners and fine company each time with people this country should be emulating by hard work, play, and strong family values. Ken was also a skidoo snowmobile aficionado and was pleased one year when one of my antique arctic cat sleds blew a drive sprocket in the field behind his house. I found out next trip, that some of those pieces were hung on his barn wall as a token memento, however it wasn't as good a memory as when my son wanted to try my latest powerful sled that I had left in reverse and didn't think till he gunned the throttle and headed backwards at 30 mph nearly killing all of us. Ken 's eyes were some wide and so was his smile that day and is probably laughing now as I tell this tale .THEY SAY IT TAKES A VILLAGE, and the village was better known by him and all that he did for it . The Lake family sends our deepest condolence's in your time of sorrow. GOD bless. The Lake family ,MILTON n.h.

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David Lake - May 16, 2017 at 08:35 PM

RK

“ ROSALIE KING lit a candle in memory of  
Kenneth G. Crawford



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ROSALIE KING - May 16, 2017 at 08:28 PM

CB

“ *Freda, Curt and Karl*  
*I am so sorry for your loss! I pray the memories you have ease your grief and bring you peace. Keep his love for you in your heart.*

*Cindy Brigham*

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**Cindy Brigham** - May 16, 2017 at 08:19 PM

JB

“ *Josh And Iola Boire lit a candle in memory of*  
*Kenneth G. Crawford*



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**Josh and Iola Boire** - May 16, 2017 at 07:30 PM

LV

“ *Our sincere condolences to Freda, Kurt and*  
*Karl and family. I'll bet Ken and my Dad*  
*George are already swapping stories, up in*  
*Heaven.*



*Bob and Lisa Vashaw*

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**Lisa Vashaw** - May 16, 2017 at 05:22 PM



“ *Sorry for your loss, thoughts and prayers for*  
*your family.*



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**Ken Knapp** - May 16, 2017 at 06:00 AM

DB

*My condolences to your family*

**Dennis Bryant** - May 16, 2017 at 04:33 PM

DB

*Very sorry for your loss My condolences*

**Dennis Bryant** - May 16, 2017 at 04:34 PM

SK

“*Freda, Karl, Curtis and extended families. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of sorrow. Ken was a great guy and I have great memories of him and especially enjoyed his ribbing as I drove my Vespa past his house so many times on my way to visit the Moffett girls.*

**Steve Knapp** - May 15, 2017 at 07:00 PM

VS

“*Valerie Sacco purchased the Peace, Prayer Blessing Sympathy Basket for the family of Kenneth G. Crawford.*



**Valerie Sacco** - May 15, 2017 at 11:31 AM

RD

“ Gosh the many days in Maine, on the farm...water fights, pillow fights and feathers, hide-n-seek, root beer floats, ice cream,....socks!!!!....or lack of....always in trouble...BUT, parents that just laughed at us. We gave them stories to tell didn't we. I always loved listening to Uncle Ken's stories about his boys as time past. He was so proud of his sons. His stories always ended with laughter. I will miss that laugh for sure. I miss the carefree days of the farm, of your place in New Hampshire, and our families making memories. Love you lots, sending peace to everyone Rocky

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**Roxanne Davis** - May 14, 2017 at 07:14 PM

BS

“ Our thoughts are with all you folks at this difficult time. Ken was a great man and will be sadly missed.

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**Brad Sheltry** - May 14, 2017 at 07:06 PM

DP

“ Ken was like dad to me. We worked together at Sanel's and Bond. His wisdom and stories will always be remembered. Never met a man that had more common sense than he did. I will sorely miss him. What a remarkable person

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**Donald Poulin** - May 14, 2017 at 06:19 PM

ER

“ Our sincere condolences to Ken's family. We will miss that genuine grin and ready comeback to any greeting. Always enjoyed his stories - often of his times in the Diamond Country. He is a critical piece of the North Country character and fabric and we'll always remember him as such. The Roy Family.

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**E. H. Roy** - May 14, 2017 at 01:04 PM

LC

“ *Linda & Lottie Coates lit a candle in memory of Kenneth G. Crawford*



Linda & Lottie Coates - May 14, 2017 at 12:33 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss...Ken was an awesome guy...He will be missed by so many people..My dad and Ken were best friends til my dad passed.....I worked at the County when Ken was there and he was always so pleasant...Very nice guy...God bless you all*

Diane Brooks - May 14, 2017 at 11:22 AM

Thelma Baker

“ *Thelma Baker lit a candle in memory of Kenneth G. Crawford*



Thelma Baker - May 14, 2017 at 09:42 AM

KC

“ *Freda, Karl, Curtis and families, My heart, thoughts and prayers are with you. So many memories. The one Ken loved teasing me about the most wa pulling me out of the snowbank going up Careton Hill. He laughed about that one for many years. God bless you all. Kathy Cass*

Kathy Cass - May 14, 2017 at 08:15 AM

TE

“ *Tricia E. Ellingwood lit a candle in memory of Kenneth G. Crawford*



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**Tricia E. Ellingwood** - May 14, 2017 at 06:37 AM

JF

“ *I pumped gas at Peter Nugent's gas station from '86 to '93. Ken the jokester was my favorite customer. (well, besides Goober). Every time he came in, we would start our little routine. He would tell me what a great hat I had on, and I would tell him what a great truck he had. The next time he came in, we would reverse it: he would tell me that I had a great truck, and I would tell him that he had a great hat. Over and over. Freda would sit in the passenger seat and shake her head in disbelief at our little foolishness. But Ken and I both enjoyed our little exchange. Twenty years later, if I would see him somewhere around town, we would start our little routine right up again, with big grins on our faces. One time, when I didn't see him before he saw me, Ken wrote on a piece of scrap paper: "Hey, nice hat!" He then walked by silently and stuck the scrap paper right in my shirt pocket! He got the last word on me on that one.*

*Like many in our town, every single time that I drive by that house, I will be looking for Ken sitting on the porch. That's one good habit that won't be broken.*

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**Jon Frizzell** - May 14, 2017 at 05:01 AM

 Jenn Rhuda

“ *Freda and family I am so very sorry for your loss! Ken was a wonderful man! Cherish the memories!*  
*Jenn Rhuda*

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**Jenn Rhuda** - May 13, 2017 at 11:10 PM

BK

“ *Brenda Klebe lit a candle in memory of Kenneth G. Crawford*



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**Brenda Klebe** - May 13, 2017 at 07:54 PM

BK

“ *I am so sorry for your loss! He was so polite, Always had a great spirit, Just loved to hear his story's. Freda & Family, you all are in my prayers. Colebrook has lost a wonderful man! Much love to all of you!*

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**Brenda Klebe** - May 13, 2017 at 07:53 PM

MU

“ *Freda and family, my heart goes out to all of you. He was a friend to everyone, and always stopped to talk and ask how things are going. Remembering the good times will help you get through these sad times. Mary Ellen Uran*

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**Mary Ellen Uran** - May 13, 2017 at 07:17 PM

RA

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. He was a great man! You are all in my thoughts, may your memories bring you comfort,*

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**Rachele** - May 13, 2017 at 07:14 PM

RG

“ Robert & Martha (Brooks) Gadwah lit a candle in memory of Kenneth G. Crawford



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Robert & Martha (Brooks) Gadwah - May 13, 2017 at 07:08 PM

FR

“ Thoughts and prayers to all the family, so sorry for your loss. Ken was a great guy. Francine & Andre Champagne

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Francine - May 13, 2017 at 06:33 PM

LK

“ So sorry for your loss, Freda, Karl and Kurtis. Just take one day at a time. We think of you through one of the toughest times of your life. Louisa, Bill, Davey, Kasilyn Kenney

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Louisa Kenney - May 13, 2017 at 05:24 PM

GJ

“ Many thoughts and prayers to the Craswford family at this sad time. I always waved at him as I'd drive by him as he was walking, or out in his yard, etc. He was someone who always stopped to chat when you ran into him in town, etc. He will be missed.

Ginger Jannenga

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Ginger Jannenga - May 13, 2017 at 04:05 PM

JB

“*Freda, my deepest sympathy to you and your family. I am so very sorry for your loss.*”



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**Judy Hunt Budge** - May 13, 2017 at 03:18 PM

HH

“*Karl, Kurt, and families our deepest condolences go out on your loss. Your father would have loved that picture. Ken was a part of the fabric of this area and the loss of his humor and presence will be felt.*”

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**Haven & Peggy Haynes** - May 13, 2017 at 02:49 PM