



## Laurel A. Hemon

February 7, 1974 - April 11, 2025

CLARKSVILLE – Laurel A. Hemon, 51, of Clarksville, passed away peacefully at her home on Friday afternoon, April 11, 2025, with her husband by her side and after a years-long courageous battle with cancer.

She was born in Colebrook on Feb. 7, 1974, the only daughter to Kevin and Jane (Hann) McKinnon. She learned medical resiliency at an early age, battling scoliosis. She grew up on South Hill in Colebrook with her two brothers, playing in the sandbox, the woods, and the brook. Her grandparents lived in the same home which was the best of both worlds, with numerous cousins visiting, all of whom became life-long friends.

Laurel attended school in Colebrook and was a 1992 graduate of Colebrook Academy. After high school, she attended Keene State College and earned her bachelor degree and teacher certification in elementary education in 1996.

From the time she was a little girl, Laurel knew that she wanted to be a kindergarten teacher. Upon returning home after college, Laurel began working at the First Step Daycare, teaching pre-school and kindergarten and where she made life-long friends. Teaching was truly her passion. In 2002, she began working at the Stewartstown Community School, quickly becoming part of the SCS family and where she worked for the next 23 years, touching the lives of hundreds of students and their families. She loved shaping the

minds and hearts of her students and serving as an inspiration to her colleagues. Her warm smile and positive attitude were contagious, and she was always sharing her creativity with those around her. Helping little people start their journeys through life brought smiles to her face and filled her heart with joy. They filled her cup which she let spill out around her.

She was a member of the Canaan Border Lions Club and served as secretary/treasurer for ten years.

Laurel was an avid reader from an early age as well, and she always had her nose in a book, whether a series of multiple books, a 1,000-page tome, or a “trashy novel.” She was a talented crafter who loved antiques, and her skill in her enchanted gardens was remarkable. She was a kid who never grew up who will be missed dearly by her family, her students and her fellow teachers.

Laurel leaves behind her beloved husband of 25 years, Charles of Clarksville; her parents, Kevin and Jane McKinnon of Colebrook; her two brothers, Brett (Tracey) McKinnon of Colebrook, and Eric (Nicole) McKinnon of Bowdoinham, Me.

At Laurel’s specific request, there are no public calling hours. A “Celebration of Laurel’s Life” will be held on a later date of which notice will be given.

Expressions of sympathy in memory of Laurel may be made to the Two Rivers Relief for Cancer, P.O. Box 376, Colebrook, NH 03576.

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

Arrangements are entrusted to the care of Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home in Colebrook.



# Tribute Wall

GM

“ *Very sorry our family just found out of Laurels passing we visit her shop every vacation from NY for her crafts her memories will live on every Christmas in our house .*

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**Gary Misulia** - August 18, 2025 at 04:51 PM

JL

“ *charles jane kevin&boys my sympathies to all. she had a kind spirit.she fought hard with that disease & now at peace with no disease.May God hold all of you john lanctot*

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**john lanctot** - April 21, 2025 at 09:56 AM

CF

“ *My heart breaks with you. Keep all the wonderful memories close to you. I remember the day Jane & Kevin brought Laurel to our dorm room to introduce her to her Uncle Bill. Laurel was a remarkable woman who will be greatly missed by many. Sending love.*

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**Chris Freeman** - April 20, 2025 at 05:44 PM

AC

“ *Our sympathy to all the family.*



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**Andre & Francine Champagne** - April 19, 2025 at 05:28 PM

BA

“ I'll miss her. I wish I had made it up north my last trip to NH.  
Sending love to all the people she held dear.

-Barbara, KSC 1996

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**Barbara** - April 18, 2025 at 11:13 PM

CS

“ Cassandra Smith lit a candle in memory of  
Laurel A. Hemon



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**Cassandra Smith** - April 17, 2025 at 07:21 PM

JZ

“ Jana & Zaya lit a candle in memory of Laurel  
A. Hemon



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**Jana & Zaya** - April 17, 2025 at 12:34 PM

JZ

*There are no words....Mrs. Hemon is simply the best! Our hearts are broken.. Please know that we are keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers. Mrs. Hemon never complained, every day she showed such strength and grace! Just a remarkable person! We are Blessed to have had her as Zaya's teacher and to have known her. May she rest in peace! To have had to fight for so long and to have done the fight with the grace that she did says it all! Fly high Mrs. Hemon you can now rest! God Bless you! You are truly an inspiration to us all! You will be so missed!*

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**Jana & Zaya** - April 17, 2025 at 12:42 PM

CH

“ *She was amazing. Love visiting her at craft fairs. She was a strong, talented woman who never gave in. Her students will achieve there goals because of her strength and love of teaching.*

Cheryl - April 17, 2025 at 09:04 AM

MH

“ *My heartfelt condolences to Charles, Jane, Kevin, Brett, Eric and families. Laurel was an "angel on loan" who brought blessings to all who had the opportunity to know her.  
Thinking of you all,  
Michelle Hinds*

Michelle Hinds - April 17, 2025 at 07:49 AM



“ *Rita Donnell lit a candle in memory of Laurel A. Hemon*



Rita Donnell - April 16, 2025 at 07:31 PM

MO

“ *My deepest sympathies Jane, Kevin and family. What a great loss. May she rest in peace. You're all in my thoughts and prayers.  
Sincerely Monique Ouimette*

monique ouimette - April 16, 2025 at 01:32 PM

CW

“ *She was a wonderful person. The children loved her. Our condolences to her family*



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**Christina Cushing & Rob Warren** - April 16, 2025 at 01:21 AM

IR

“ *We are so sorry for your loss Charle. 🙏 prayers to the family during these hard times. Ida and Serge Riendeau*

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**Ida Riendeau** - April 15, 2025 at 10:00 PM

JC

“ *Jane & Kevin - We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers. There are no words for losing a child.  
Phil & Jan Corliss*



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**Jan Corliss** - April 15, 2025 at 08:01 PM

KS

“ *Kristy Sargent lit a candle in memory of Laurel A. Hemon*



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**Kristy Sargent** - April 15, 2025 at 07:41 PM

JC

“ The memory I carry is of her as a little girl helping her mom, Jane, who was volunteering for Brownies or Girl Scouts, swimming, and fishing. Even as a child she was kind, caring and helpful. Growing up I never heard an unkind word said about her. She was special that way. My heartfelt sympathy to Jane and family.

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**Jenn Chenevert** - April 15, 2025 at 06:53 PM

TH

“ We were all so lucky to know Laurel, who was not only a respected, loved teacher but an incredible human being. I am thinking of her family, friends, and school family at this sad time.

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**Tina Hamelin** - April 15, 2025 at 05:48 PM

MJ

“ Laurel was a special person that I was privileged to know. She and her husband recently took a class I taught. It was a pleasure to have them both. She engaged in the lesson with such enthusiasm. I always loved to visit her shop of treasures! I admired her dedication as a fellow educator. My sincerest condolences to the entire family. She will be sorely missed.

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**Michele Johnsen** - April 15, 2025 at 05:45 PM

FA

“ It takes a special person to teach preschool and kindergarten but Laurel did both grades at the same time and made it look easy. She made lifelong connections with those students and families. She was far more than a teacher, she was a role model and an advisor to adults, parents, staff and community and a nurturing, loving figure to children. Earlier this year, I asked her how she was handling teaching every day she could, their store, amazing craft work and all the medical treatments and appointments. She stated simply "I choose to be happy. That makes it all doable"

Faith Adair - April 15, 2025 at 05:33 PM

JO

“ condolences to Charles and family. I am so sorry for your loss. I will always remember her enchanted woods.

Joanne OBrien - April 15, 2025 at 05:05 PM

MA

This is the mother of Kim Dorman and her husband Brian along with inlaws walter and brenda dorman who tear down disabled people

Mark - June 06, 2025 at 08:28 AM

LM

Yup, the Dorman family from Pittsburg Nh, the attend the assembly of God church in north Stratford Nh and are not an example of a Christian family buy far...openly tear down those who are less fortunate than they are and blast their wealth on social media with expensive toys for their kids and overseas trip....

Linda Martin - June 06, 2025 at 08:31 AM

ES

I have heard them cut down veterans too on their jobsite in public! someone needs to report this terrible company!

Eugene Simms - June 06, 2025 at 08:33 AM

TI

*Walter Dorman and Brian Dorman and His wife Kimberley (O'Brien) that are speaking horrible things about disabled individuals including disabled veterans calling them lazy and speaking badly of other businesses stating they don't "Work as hard as they do" on their job sites.....pathetic for Kimberley Dorman a fellow teacher to say such things...*

Tina - June 06, 2025 at 08:40 AM

JM

“ Charles & family I am so sorry for your loss .. God Bless,  
RIP Laurel

Joanne Mathieu - April 15, 2025 at 04:17 PM

JD

“ My heartfelt sympathy to Charles, Kevin, Jane and the rest of her family. She was always a kind soul and was a beautiful woman from the inside out. You will be in my thoughts and prayers. May all of your wonderful memories sustain you through your grief and moving forward. God Bless! Rest in eternal life, Laurel! <3



Julie Daley - April 15, 2025 at 03:47 PM

KL

“ Kristy Little lit a candle in memory of Laurel A. Hemon



Kristy Little - April 15, 2025 at 03:47 PM

CC

“ Charles, Kevin, Jane and family My Deepest Condolences. I never could have envisioned this as our children played together as kids. You all are in my prayers. Hugs.

Calvin Crawford - April 15, 2025 at 03:43 PM

SM

“ Jane, Kevin and family, my heart goes out to you. Losing a child, sister and spouse is never easy. I unfortunately have some experience in losing a child and a spouse. I want you to know that I am here if you need anything even if it's just to talk. Hugs from Buzz and Shori💔😔

Shori McKinnon - April 15, 2025 at 02:41 PM

CB

“ I was so sorry to hear of Laurel's passing. Her kindness was always so apparent. First as a student at Colebrook Academy and then as one of my son's first teachers at First Step Day Care. My heart goes out to her family and all that knew and loved her.

Christine Breton

Christine Breton - April 15, 2025 at 02:27 PM

TE

“ Tricia Ellingwood lit a candle in memory of Laurel A. Hemon



Tricia Ellingwood - April 15, 2025 at 02:09 PM

MG

“ I am so sorry to hear of Laurel's passing. She was a wonderful person who will surely be missed by many people. *Melanie Gray*

Melanie Gray - April 15, 2025 at 01:45 PM

AM

“ Annette Mailhot lit a candle in memory of Laurel A. Hemon



Annette Mailhot - April 15, 2025 at 01:44 PM

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“ We are so very sorry for your loss. Our deepest and heartfelt condolences to Charles, Kevin, Jane, Brett, Eric and the entire family, and friends who mourn her loss. Our prayers continue to be with you all.

*In sincere sympathy,  
Lori and Jim (James) MacDonald  
Currently of Franklin NH*

Lori (Parkhurst)MacDonald - April 15, 2025 at 12:54 PM



“ Helen Daudelin lit a candle in memory of Laurel A. Hemon



Helen Daudelin - April 15, 2025 at 12:33 PM

CW

“ *Robbie and Seans first teacher.. They will miss you dearly they ask about you everytime they call*



Christina Warren - April 15, 2025 at 12:23 PM

RJ

“ *My sincere condolences to Jane and Kevin and family. Peace and love to all of you during this time. Laurel was a true beacon of kindness to all....I still have her hand made thank you note that she had sent to me years ago. I was so touched by her personal effort and time that she took to make this treasured beautifully made personal thank you note....Rejeanne Jalbert*

REJEANNE Janel JALBERT - April 15, 2025 at 11:36 AM

RD

*Kevin, our thoughts & prayers goes out to you and your family. The lost of a loved one is never easy and it make no sense, why, God bless you all*

Robert & Leis Dobson - April 16, 2025 at 12:37 AM

DO

*Charles and family, I may be stuck here in Georgia but my thoughts are with all of you. I am so sad for you, Cancer sucks. I am heading back to New England in June and will take a ride up to see you Charles.*

deborah ouellette - April 17, 2025 at 11:20 AM