



Leona M. Washburn

September 1, 1959 - May 16, 2025

BLOOMFIELD – Leona M. Washburn, 65, died unexpectedly at the Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital in Colebrook on Friday, May 16, 2025.

She was born in West Stewartstown on Sept. 1, 1959, a daughter to the late Leon C. and Marilyn (Haynes) Gadwah, Jr. Leona was raised in Colebrook.

She was a well known cook for many years at Howard's Restaurant. She loved to be out in gardens, both to tend her flowers and to grow vegetables. Baking and cooking was one of her favorite pastimes. She also loved to go fishing. Leona was also an animal lover of all kinds. At one time she rescued and raised two baby squirrels. But her greatest joy was her family, especially her grandchildren.

Leona is survived by her husband of 47 years, John Washburn of Bloomfield; her three sons, Christopher (Randi) Washburn of Laconia, Chad Washburn of Bloomfield, and Kevin Washburn of Laconia; her siblings, William Wheeler of Michigan, Galen Wheeler of South Carolina, Leon Gadwah III of Contoocook, N.H., James Gadwah of Colebrook, Robert Gadwah of Clarksville, Arthur Gadwah of Colebrook, Denar Wolfe of Lemington, Wanita Osgood of Colebrook, and Deborah Gadwah of Bethlehem, N.H.; four grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Services for Leona will be private. She will be interred privately on a later date at the Bloomfield Cemetery.

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

Jenkins and Newman Funeral Home is entrusted with final arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Bloomfield Cemetery

VT Route 102
Bloomfield, VT

Tribute Wall

KK

“ Kelly A Klinch lit a candle in memory of Leona M. Washburn



Kelly A Klinch - January 10 at 04:02 PM

AG

“ So sorry to hear of the loss of Leona. I didn't know her well but I do remember her from when I first started teaching in Pittsburg. Once in awhile I would see her here and there and she always greeted me with a happy smile. I pray that you find comfort in the happy memories you have of your time with her. Ann Gray

Ann Gray - June 09, 2025 at 12:16 PM

JG

“ Joanne Goodwin lit a candle in memory of Leona M. Washburn



Joanne Goodwin - May 25, 2025 at 10:52 AM

RB

To John & Family, I'm sorry for your loss. I knew the Washburn, and Leona used to often visit for coffee with friends and neighbors in the upper mill houses in North Stratford. We all had a fun visit and shared laughter. I grew up in No. Stratford. Sincerely, Rebecca Bernard ❤️

Rebecca Bernard - June 11, 2025 at 07:11 AM

JG

“ I am sorry to hear of Leona's passing. From across the miles, I send my most sincere condolences and prayers.

Jill Gadwah - May 24, 2025 at 04:31 PM



“ You surely were on of a kind Leona, you never let much bother you. Coffee and conversation were always on the menu and always a huge smile. Happy times whenever you were around. You were also a wonderful aunt to Leon, Frankie and Olivia. As the songs says I hope your dancing in the sky. R.I.P.

Kathleen

Kathleen Burns Lackie - May 22, 2025 at 04:29 PM

JG

She was a very special person ❤️

Joanne Goodwin - May 25, 2025 at 10:46 AM



“ Light Your Way Memorial - Forever in My Heart was purchased for the family of Leona M. Washburn.



May 19, 2025 at 09:07 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Leona M. Washburn.

May 19, 2025 at 09:07 AM

JB

“ *R.I.P. Leona, I had fun cooking with you at Howards. You taught me many things. You always had a smile.*

Judith A. Boutin - May 18, 2025 at 08:09 PM

RD

“ *Rita Donnell lit a candle in memory of Leona M. Washburn*



Rita Donnell - May 18, 2025 at 03:10 PM

RD

“ *So sorry for your loss*

Richard Dagesse - May 18, 2025 at 02:49 PM

JA

“ *Jan lit a candle in memory of Leona M. Washburn*



Jan - May 18, 2025 at 12:52 PM

MS

“ *Leona was truly a caring and loving lady. Thoughts and prayers are with John and family.*

Mary and Bill Simpson - May 18, 2025 at 08:46 AM

DB

“ So sorry to hear of Leona's passing...R.I.P. Leona...So sorry to John and the kids...

Diane Brooks - May 18, 2025 at 07:57 AM

LP

“ Lorna Pray lit a candle in memory of Leona M. Washburn



Lorna Pray - May 18, 2025 at 06:07 AM

LP

Chris, Randi and family. Dave and I are so sorry for your loss. Your mum was one of a kind always made us feel welcome and treated us like family. We enjoyed what time we were able to spend with her. Dave will miss her pickles. Thoughts and prayers to all Love Mom & Dave

Lorna Pray - May 18, 2025 at 06:15 AM

CB

“ Cousins Wilberta and Barbara planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Leona M. Washburn.

Cousins Wilberta and Barbara - May 18, 2025 at 01:43 AM



“ Such a great lady she's going to be missed love and prayers to the family



Helen Daudelin - May 17, 2025 at 09:43 PM



“ RIP sweet lady ❤️ Condolences to the family.



Gina Prehemo - May 17, 2025 at 08:47 PM

CB

“ My hearts broken for uncle John Chris Chad and Kevin I'm so incredibly sorry for your loss and know that aunt Leona will truly be missed by everyone who knew her rest easy aunt Leona love ya always



Christie Bradley - May 17, 2025 at 07:41 PM

RO

“ so sorry for your loss I will miss all the talks and laughs we had . Can't believe u r gone so soon. i will miss u.

Roxy - May 17, 2025 at 07:37 PM

SK

“ So many giggles so many stories...Home made donoughts and always a hot cup of coffee and a safe place to be. Dancing singing and spending time with you! My heart is 💔 broken Love you most Auntie...give Alyssa the biggest hug and kiss for me!



Samantha Kilson - May 17, 2025 at 07:27 PM

LW

“ I LOVE YOU NANA , I WILL MISH YOU SO MUCH I WISH THAT I CALLED THAT DAY

leah washburn - May 17, 2025 at 07:13 PM

LW

“ Leah Washburn lit a candle in memory of Leona M. Washburn



leah washburn - May 17, 2025 at 07:10 PM

MR

“ Martha And Robert sent a virtual gift in memory of Leona M. Washburn



Martha and Robert - May 17, 2025 at 07:08 PM

MR

Fly high Leona! You will much so much.

Martha and Robert - May 17, 2025 at 07:09 PM

MR

You will be missed so much by everyone that knew you

Martha and Robert - May 17, 2025 at 07:10 PM

LP

“ SO sorry for your loss I loved her home made kaluha I’m sure she will be missed
Linda and Buddy Perkins

linda and buddy Perkins - May 17, 2025 at 07:07 PM

EG

“ Eva Guy lit a candle in memory of Leona M. Washburn



eva guy - May 17, 2025 at 07:04 PM

EG

RIP sis, can't believe you are gone. I will always remember you and all the good times we had. I will always love you and will cherish memories of us sis.

eva guy - May 17, 2025 at 07:07 PM

MA

“ Mary lit a candle in memory of Leona M. Washburn



Mary - May 17, 2025 at 06:23 PM

MA

Rip Leona

Mary - May 17, 2025 at 06:24 PM

BG

“ *She is my sister in law, she was one of a kind. She was funny. Thoughts and prayers to her family.*



Brenda Gadwah - May 17, 2025 at 06:14 PM

HA

“ *Rest Easy Aunt Leona.*



Haley - May 17, 2025 at 06:03 PM

DB

“ *Debbie Bedard lit a candle in memory of Leona M. Washburn*



Debbie Bedard - May 17, 2025 at 05:56 PM

CG

“ *So sorry to hear this. Leona was one of a kind. She will be missed. Condolences to her family. Rest easy Leona* ❤️

Corina Gray - May 17, 2025 at 05:55 PM