



## Lesley L. Covell

June 15, 1939 - May 19, 2026

PITTSBURG – Lesley L. Covell, 86, of Pittsburg, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at the Coös County Nursing Hospital in W. Stewartstown, after many months of declining health.

He was born in Pittsburg on June 15, 1939, a son of the late Forrest and Hilda (Dearth) Covell.

Born and raised in Pittsburg, Lesley was an avid outdoorsman and high school athlete. In its inaugural season, Les joined the Pittsburg High School cross-country team as a senior, coming in second place in the state meet - his one and only foray into running. Les was noted as one of the famous Covell/Covill family hunting guides in a 1960s feature article in Yankee Magazine. He was also a long-time member of the NH Guides Association.

Les started working as a laborer at Ethan Allen Furniture factory in Beecher Falls, Vt. soon after getting married. He had an aptitude for numbers and with the introduction of computer technology at the factory he rose to head the department. He spent long hours converting payroll and financial record-keeping from paper to computers for Ethan Allen, making a career of it.

Les and his loving wife of 64 years, Ruth, raised their children on the shore of Lake Francis. Together they nurtured a love for swimming, fishing, and all

things outdoors that extended to their many grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and other family and friends. Later in life, Lesley became an active member of the Farnham Memorial United Methodist Church, including as treasurer for many years. He also spent 12 years as selectman for the town of Pittsburg.

He was a stoic, hard-working man who preferred a simple life and served as a role model for his children and grandchildren throughout his long life.

He leaves behind two sons, Mark Covell of Pittsburg and Darrel (Amy) Covell of Swanville, Me.; his five grandchildren Ashley D. Haynes, Kaitlyn M. Covell, Ian M. Covell, Graham K. Covell, and Aidan M. Covell; a brother, Bobby Covill; a sister, Linda Covill; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Les is predeceased by his wife, Ruth (Foote) Covell in 2024; a son, Matthew in 1979; a daughter, Diane Haynes in 2023; and siblings, Gordon Covill, Bernard Covill, Lindsey Covill, Edwin Covell, Gary Covell, Geneva Shallow, and Joanne Foote.

There are no public calling hours. A celebration of life gathering will be held on Saturday, June 13, 2026, 12-2 pm at Community Church Hall, next to the Farnham United Methodist Church on Main Street in Pittsburg.

Expressions of sympathy in memory of Les Covell may be made to the FUMC, c/o D. Young, P.O. Box 6, Pittsburg, NH 03592, or to the Pittsburg Fire Department, 1684 Main St., Pittsburg, NH 03592.

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.



# Cemetery Details

## **Pittsburg Hollow Cemetery**

Hill Road  
Pittsburg, NH

# Previous Events

## **Celebration of Life**

**JUN 13.** 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Community Church Hall  
North Main St.  
Pittsburg, NH 03592

# Tribute Wall



“ Garden Accent - "Those we have held..." was purchased for the family of Lesley L. Covell.



June 02 at 08:41 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Lesley L. Covell.

June 02 at 08:41 AM



“ Donna Alen lit a candle in memory of Lesley L. Covell



Donna Alen - May 28 at 01:55 PM



“ Our sympathies to Ashley, Darrell, Mark and all the rest of Lesley's family. We hope you find comfort in your happy memories and in knowing he is reunited with Ruth, Diane and Matthew. RIP Lesley.  
Scott and Roxanne Haynes



Scott & Roxanne Haynes - May 27 at 07:06 PM

TA

“ Theresa Ferren Avery lit a candle in memory of Lesley L. Covell



Theresa ferren avery - May 27 at 06:35 PM

BM

“ RIP Les



Becky Masters - May 27 at 05:03 PM

RJ

“ My deepest sympathies to Lesley family and friends. I knew of Lesley over the years but really got to know him when he came to CCNH. Every morning he would offer me a smile and a greeting. As time went on we formed a friendship and he always offered to help me. His kind and gentle manner lead me to call him my Prince Charming. He will forever be in my heart. RIP my dear friend.

Rita Johnson - May 27 at 08:10 AM

SS

“ My deepest condolences to the family. May Lesley rest in peace.



Sarah Schlip - May 27 at 12:05 AM

TY

“ *Tami Young lit a candle in memory of Lesley L. Covell*



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**Tami Young** - May 26 at 07:57 PM

JM

“ *Our sincerest condolences to Les's family. He was a good man. I worked with Les at Ethan Allen for quite a few years and he helped me out a lot with his creative accounting skills. And he was very instrumental in getting the place into the computer age. Always a good father. The area will miss Les Covell. Rest In Peace Les. John and Sue Morrissey*

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**John Morrissey** - May 26 at 05:15 PM

BM

“ *Becky Masters lit a candle in memory of Lesley L. Covell*



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**Becky Masters** - May 26 at 04:14 PM

AG

“ *Lindsey and I were so sorry to hear of your loss. Les was an active and important member of our church, the Historical Society, and the community at large. He will be missed by many. I pray that you find comfort in your happy memories. Ann and Lindsey Gray*

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**Ann Gray** - May 26 at 03:07 PM

TF

“ Our condolences to the covill/ covell family.  
Lesley was one heck of a woodsman, worker, and family man.  
Worked with him at factory and he had an incredible work ethic. Can  
fondly remember him skipping up the stairs( two by two)!he was a  
gentleman, may he rest in peace  
Tom and Jane Frizzell Lemington vt

Thomas Frizzell - May 26 at 02:57 PM

PB

“ Priscilla Barnes lit a candle in memory of  
Lesley L. Covell



Priscilla Barnes - May 26 at 11:18 AM

SN

“ Sending our deepest condolences to his children and all the  
Covell/Covill families! Working with Les and all EA colleagues was  
pure pleasure every day. Rest in peace dear friend!

Suzelle, Walter Noyes - May 26 at 09:39 AM

JG

“ RIP Lesley , I know you and Ruth are reunited  
❤️. Many fond memories of Lesley , his  
kindness , his dry humor and his laugh I will  
always remember!



Judith Grover - May 26 at 09:06 AM

JB

“ *Sorry for your loss. He was a kind soul*



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**Julie Bolton** - May 26 at 08:34 AM

SL

“ *So sorry for your loss condolences to the family.*



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**scott Leigh** - May 26 at 08:30 AM

HH

“ *Our deepest condolences go out to the family on your loss.*

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**Haven Haynes** - May 25 at 12:30 PM

TA

“ *Theresa Ferren Avery lit a candle in memory of Lesley L. Covell*



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**Theresa ferren avery** - May 25 at 11:50 AM