



Mark F. Towle

April 25, 1957 - January 9, 2026

WEST STEWARTSTOWN – Mark F. Towle, 68, of West Stewartstown, died on Friday, Jan. 9, 2026, at the Coös County Nursing Hospital with his wife by his side after a 3-month battle with brain cancer.

Mark was born in West Stewartstown on April 25, 1957, a son to Charles and Joy (Bresette) Towle. He attended school in Pittsburg until his family moved to West Stewartstown, and he later graduated from Colebrook Academy in 1975. He married the love of his life, Shannon, in 1996 on the “Pinnacle” in West Stewartstown.

Mark began his working life at Ethan Allen after high school, but later joined the family business when his father opened Towle’s Market in West Stewartstown. He continued the business after his father passed away, and previously had expanded it to the upstairs level into a model train, rocket, and hobby shop. After Mark closed the store, he began working for local construction companies as a flagger and traffic control, but later started work for SAU #7 as a local school bus driver.

His passion was racing and race cars. For many years, Mark had his own car and raced at the Riverside Speedway in Groveton, collaborating with other local drivers. His friends nicknamed him “Petty” because his favorite NASCAR driver was Richard Petty, and Mark even had the number 43 on his own car; he even had his own little racing fan club. In his younger years, he also raced snowmobiles and stayed involved in the local antique snowmobile events. He also groomed snowmobile trails for the Canaan Border Riders for a time. He was also an avid hiker as a young man.

In addition, Mark enjoyed model trains and creating the entire dioramas to accompany them, and he enjoyed riding on all types of trains all over the United States. When he was young, and when the train still ran through Stewartstown, it would stop near his home on High Street and pick him up to ride to Beecher Falls, and then back again. From that experience, he had a life-long love of trains of any kind and size.

Mark and his wife and daughter also maintained a small farm at their home. Mark was a kind, quiet soul, who could sit for long periods just contemplating the world and the view from his home, and he will be missed by his many friends and family.

He was also a member of the Sons of the American Legion in Canaan.

Mark is survived by his loving wife of more than 30 years, Shannon (Maynard) Towle of West Stewartstown; his daughter, Echo Towle, of Nashua, N.H., his son, Daniel (Angel) Spytma of Michigan; his mother, Joy Towle of Canaan, Vt.; his brother, Earl Towle and his daughter Sarah Davis of Sunapee, N.H., and one as close as a sister, Debbie (Ken) Knapp of South Carolina; and three grandchildren, Sophie, Mia and Ethan Spytma.

He is predeceased by his father, Charles Towle.

There are no public services scheduled at this time. The family will have a celebration of Mark's life later in the spring of 2026, of which notice will be given.

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

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

Tribute Wall

BB

“ I am so sorry to learn of Mark's passing, and wanted to send my condolences to Joy and her family.

Beverley Tingley Bousquet - February 17 at 02:31 PM

CC

“ Just heard of Mark's passing, our sincerest condolences. Sending our thoughts & prayers to all of you.
Rest in peace Mark.
Claude & Terry Charest

Claude & Terry Charest - February 07 at 09:39 AM

DG

“ To Shannon and Family
We are so sorry for your loss, Mark was a great guy, he was always smiling and calm and helpful at the Mini Mart. He will be missed. Just remember all the good times you all had together and he will be up in heaven watching over you. God Bless! Donald & Ginette Gagnon

Donald & Ginette Gagnon - January 26 at 02:32 PM

HH

“ Our deepest condolences go out to the family on your loss. From the Haynes family and the Sons of the American Legion membership.

Haven L Haynes - January 20 at 10:14 PM

RP

“ Shannon , Echo, Joy & Earl So very sorry for your loss, Mark was a good person always enjoyed visiting with Mark. He will be missed by all who knew him. RIP Mark



Robert & Cathy Paige - January 18 at 07:54 PM

JC

“ *Jan Corliss lit a candle in memory of Mark F. Towle*



Jan Corliss - January 17 at 02:48 PM

RH

“ *Shannon, Echo, Joy and family, we are very sorry about Mark's illness and passing. He will be remembered as a good friend of our family. A nice guy gone too soon. Thinking of all of you at this difficult time. RIP Mark. Scott and Roxanne Haynes*



Roxanne Haynes - January 17 at 07:59 AM

MH

“ *Deepest condolences to Mark's family. I knew Mark's through the Colebrook Ski-Bees snowmobile club. Always a quiet, kind soul who will be fondly remembered. Michelle Hinds*

Michelle Hinds - January 17 at 07:11 AM

LW

“ *My condolences to the family Mark was a great man and friend I will never forget the great chats we had upstairs at the store RIP Mark til we see each other again*



Lynn wheeler - January 16 at 11:50 PM

MD

“ *My condolences to the families Mark will be missed rest in peace are prayers are with you and your family*

Max Dagesse - January 16 at 05:54 PM

CH

“ *Rest easy # 43*

Craig Hurley - January 16 at 05:34 PM

DL

“ *Very sorry to learn of his illness and his passing. He was a kind person. May he rest in peace and my condolences to his family.*
Diane Little

Diane Little - January 16 at 05:07 PM

BG

“ *Known Mark for years. I liked his family thoughts and prayers to you all*



Brenda Gadwah - January 16 at 05:00 PM

FC

“ *Our sincere condolences to you Shannon, to the children, his mothers and friends.*



Francine and Andre Champagne - January 16 at 03:38 PM

GD

“ *Shannon may Mark's memories be a blessing, may his smile warm your heart before a tear drop falls from your eyes.*
Glenn Davis

Glenn Davis - January 16 at 03:19 PM

JM

“ *Very sad to hear of Mark's passing. Our sincerest condolences to his family. Used to enjoy talking with him in the store And worked with his father Charley at The Factory.*
R I P Mark.
John and Sue Morrissey

John Morrissey - January 16 at 03:02 PM

JM

“ *Shannon Joy & family I am so sorry to hear of Marks passing.. I always enjoyed working at the store he was always nice... RIP Mark You will be missed...*

Joanne Mathieu - January 14 at 09:30 PM

GL

“ Sincere Condolence to Mark Family, High regard to this friend. Very Sad,Nice gentleman. Guy Joanne



Guy I Laperle - January 14 at 03:18 PM



Thank you Guy. He is much loved and will be very missed. He truly is a wonderful man. ❤️

Shannon Maynard Spytma Towle - January 14 at 11:55 PM

AL

Shannon and family, I am so sorry to hear of Marks passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Alicia and Bobby Lemieux - January 15 at 05:30 PM

JP

Sorry to hear of Mark's passing. Met him when I worked for his dad at the store. Very humble and kind. Prayers for you and your family during this difficult time 🙏

Jennifer Pay - January 16 at 05:00 PM

MC

“ Our Sincerest Sympathies to Mark's family. He was a great friend when he and Mark were growing up. May all the Wonderful Memories You have help You through this sad time. ❤️ Mark & Darlene Cote

Mark & Darlene Cote - January 13 at 07:53 PM



My condolences to Mark's family. I remember Mark as a nice and kind person from high-school.

Danielle Grondin Pollard

Danielle Pollard - January 16 at 04:51 PM

NG

“ My condolences for Marks family. He was a great boss years ago and was a great man. He will be missed by many.



Nathalie M Gagnon - January 13 at 05:16 PM

TA

“ Theresa Ferren Avery lit a candle in memory of Mark F. Towle



Theresa ferren avery - January 13 at 04:56 PM

TF

“ Our condolences to Mark's family. He ran a good business and was always fun to be around. We were grooming partners for border riders and was a good operator. Tom and Jane Frizzell Lemington

Thomas Frizzell - January 13 at 03:56 PM

MN

“ My condolences to Shannon, Echo, and the Towle family. He was a great person. Im glad that I knew him.

Marie Noyes - January 13 at 01:34 PM

MB

My sincere condolences to the Towle family.

michel Bergeron - January 16 at 05:46 PM

ST

Prayers to Marks family. He was a great guy, Really enjoyed the years he was on our race team. He will be greatly missed. Steve & Wanda Patnaude

stevePatnaude - January 17 at 04:59 PM



Fly High Mark, you were one of the best. Prayers to you Shannon, keep your memories close, they will carry you every day you need.

Judy Boutin - January 17 at 10:07 PM