



Michael L. Vachon Sr.

June 17, 1950 - July 18, 2025

COLUMBIA – Michael L. Vachon, Sr., 75, of Columbia, died peacefully at his home, surrounded by his family on Friday, July 18, 2025, after a long period of complications due to Agent Orange exposure during the Vietnam conflict.

He was born in St. Isidore, Québec, on June 17, 1950, a son to the late Jean T. and Irene (Rodrique) Vachon. He emigrated to the U.S. with his family at the age of 6, and became a U.S. citizen later in life.

Mike met his wife when he was 16 years old; he would go around work at the Ethan Allen factory signing “I Dream of Jeannie with the Light Brown Hair.” Jean’s Aunt Jo introduced them and 3 years later they were married. Soon after they were married, Mike was drafted into the U.S. Army. He served in Vietnam as a truck driver, seeing many places which he said was a beautiful countryside. Mike and Jean would have celebrated their 56th anniversary in September.

He was a lifetime member of the American Legion and the VFW.

He is survived by his wife, Jean (Gilbert) Vachon of Columbia; his two sons, Richard (Jodi) of Columbia, and Michael Jr. (Maureen) of Nashua, N.H.; his sister, Madeline (Brian) Elliot of Sanbornville, N.H.; seven grandchildren, Joseph (Katelyn) Duplissie of Belmont, N.H., Danielle Hopps of Littleton, N.H.,

Tricia (Dewald) Steinmann of Randolph, N.H., Billy (Denise) MacKay of Hudson, N.H., Nick MacKay of Nashua, Courtney (Andy) Othot of Nashua, and Morganne MacKay of Dorchester, Mass.; eight great-granchildren; and his two closest adopted family members, Mike (Mandy) O'Leary of Augusta, Me., and Moe Harriman of Columbia; as well as numerous in-laws, nieces, nephews, cousins, and close friends.

There are no public calling hours. A celebration of Mike's life will be held at the family home on Saturday, Aug. 16, from 1 to 5 p.m., and all are welcome (BYOB).

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

LE

“ Love Courtney Andy Owen & Evelyn purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Michael L. Vachon Sr..



Love Courtney Andy Owen & Evelyn - August 15, 2025 at 02:48 PM

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“ Love Courtney Andy Owen & Evelyn planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael L. Vachon Sr..

Love Courtney Andy Owen & Evelyn - August 15, 2025 at 02:48 PM

GL

“ Michael was such a happy and sweet person. He and Jean were the best dancing couple. He will be missed! My deepest sympathies to Jean and family. 🌹

Ginette Ladd - July 23, 2025 at 06:01 PM

JC

“ Jean and family our deepest sympathy to you folks.

Carey and Jane Cross

Jane Cross - July 22, 2025 at 09:15 PM

AR

“ Mike... What a fireball in a small package! I enjoyed Working with Mike, He was always a Honest upfront guy and was never one to hold back a needed word of correction or advice. Jean, Mikey & Richey... You all have a part of Him that will live on through your lives and through you all he will never be forgotten.

ARMS - July 21, 2025 at 08:22 AM

JB

“ My heart goes out to you all. Mike was such a gentle man. He was the one who calmed me down about having my port put in. He talked me threw it. I never had a problem with it. I will miss you Mike, fly high and keep smiling. Love Judy

Judith Boutin - July 20, 2025 at 07:15 PM

MA

“ Jeannie and family, so sorry to hear this. My deepest sympathies.



Mariann - July 20, 2025 at 04:52 PM

KL

“ To the family and friends of Mike, so sorry for your loss. In 1996 when my husband + I were moving to Columbia, Mike + Jean just happened to stop + give us a hand. How very kind! They were actually the 1st ones we met in the area.. Friends since then ❤️ RIP Mike

Kathie L. - July 20, 2025 at 03:58 PM

AC

“ Our condolences 🙏 to all the family and friends.



Andre and Francine Champagne - July 20, 2025 at 03:15 PM

KC

“ So sorry for your loss Jeanie. Mike was a great, fun man. Had some great times at the Vicky's parties with him. Hugs and RIP Mike. ☐

Karen Couture - July 20, 2025 at 02:44 PM

WN

“ Sending our deepest condolences to his wife Jean and family! Mike was a wonderful man!
RIP Mike
Walter and Suzelle

Walter Suzelle Noyes - July 20, 2025 at 02:15 PM



“ Our condolences to the family ❤️
Gina and Mike



Gina Prehemo - July 20, 2025 at 01:49 PM

JM

“ *Our sincerest condolences to Jean and family.
Rest In Peace Mike.
John and Sue Morrissey*

John Morrissey - July 20, 2025 at 01:29 PM