



Norma W. Leach

May 23, 1944 - November 27, 2015

COLEBROOK – Norma W. Leach, 71, of Colebrook, NH, passed away late on Friday, Nov. 27, 2015, at the Morrison Nursing Home in Whitefield, NH, after a long period of ill health.

She was born in South Weymouth, Mass., on May 23, 1944, a daughter to the late Elwyn and Harriet (Beaudry) Shurtleff.

Norma was a long-time advocate for local children and families. For a period of more than 25 years, she was a dedicated foster parent to more than 100 children, and she served as an educational advocate for special needs children, working closely with the state's Division of Children, Youth & Families. She worked with the National Alliance of the Mentally Ill (for children), and also served on the board of directors for the Parent Information Center in Concord and the NH Foster & Adoption Parent Association. Norma also served as a long-time member of the Juvenile Court Diversion team and the Infant Mental Health team in Colebrook. She was also a Tupperware representative for many years in the local area, she owned and operated the "House of Dolls" for 10 years making a variety of different dolls and toys, and she also opened her home as the "Sweet Dreams Bed & Breakfast" on South Main Street for 10 years.

Norma's Christian faith was very important to her, and she was a long-time

member of the Monadnock Congregational Church, serving on the board of trustees and other church boards, and she volunteered at the local food pantry. She was also a past member of the Azicohos Grange.

She leaves behind her three children, James Bennett and wife Kim of Colebrook, Carol Leach of Colebrook, and Randy Leach of Albany, NH; five grandchildren, Molly & Lauren Bennett, Dylan Leach, Ransom Placey and Dagan Parker; two sisters, Louise Wagner of Redding, Conn., and Cynthia Shurtleff of Kingston, Mass.; and her godson, Michael W. Wagner of Peoria, Ill.

Norma is preceded in death by her first husband, Maurice Bennett in 1965, and a sister, Nancy Blake in 2011.

Calling hours will be on Wednesday, Dec. 2, 2015, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home in Colebrook. A funeral service will follow the next day, Thursday, Dec. 3, at 11 a.m. at the Monadnock Congregational Church in Colebrook with The Rev. Paula Fletcher officiating. Burial will immediately follow at the Wilson's Mills Cemetery in Maine.

Expressions of sympathy in memory of Norma may be made to the Two Rivers Ride for Cancer, c/o R. Mulliken, 53 Spring St., Colebrook, NH 03576.

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

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home, Colebrook, NH.

Cemetery Details

Wilson's Mills Cemetery

Route 16
Wilson's Mills, ME 03579

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 2. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home
103 Main Street
Colebrook, NH 03576
(603) 237-4311
info@jenkinsnewman.com

Service

DEC 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

Monadnock Congregational Church
Main Street
Colebrook, NH

Tribute Wall

DC

“ Norma and I have been friends for 25 years. Her life has been full of challenges which she met with spunk and determination. My favorite memories were the times we worked together to chair the Christmas Bazaar at the Congregational church. She was a very talented artist and taught me so much. Thank you Randy for standing by your Mom during these most difficult months and years. She was so proud of you for "being there".

Donna Castor

Donna Castor - December 02, 2015 at 07:10 AM

JC

“ Jan And Phil Corliss lit a candle in memory of Norma W. Leach



Jan and Phil Corliss - November 30, 2015 at 10:57 AM

MP

“ I was Norma and Maurice's English teacher at Colebrook Academy and remember them both well though I'd lost touch with Norma after Maurice's death many years ago.

My husband and I send our condolences to her family.

Webb and Marjorie Palmer, Derry, NH

Marjorie Palmer - November 30, 2015 at 10:47 AM

JG

“ I am so sorry for your loss , my heart aches for you all at this time .
I Truly know the feeling of losing a loved one .
JoeAnn



JoeAnn Gochie - November 30, 2015 at 03:21 AM

RB

“ We are so very sorry for your loss, Kim. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.



Richard & Judy (Hunt) Budge - November 29, 2015 at 07:17 PM

HH

“ Our deepest condolences on your loss Buzzy and Kim.

Haven & Peggy Haynes - November 29, 2015 at 07:12 PM

LV

“ Our sincere condolences to Buzzy, Kim and family. She was a wonderful lady, who did so much; for so many.

Love Bob and Lisa



Lisa Vashaw - November 29, 2015 at 04:33 PM

BD

“ to dear buzzy, kim and family i'm sorry to hear of your loss.It's not easy to lose people we love but then it's not easy watching them suffer either. So only god knows when the next angel is going to be chosen.



barbara daley - November 29, 2015 at 01:38 PM

GL

“ IT IS SAD TO SEE HER GO GOD BE WITH HER AND THAT SHE IS IN A BETTER PLACE IN ALL OF HEARTS

glenn labree - November 29, 2015 at 11:01 AM

RT

“ Norma was one of my mom's best friends. She has been a part of my life since I was a baby. She will always hold a place in my heart. She suffered long and hard and I can only hope she has finally found some comfort and peace. You are loved Norma!

Rachele Thivierge - November 29, 2015 at 09:51 AM