



## Pearl A. Porter

August 2, 1932 - June 30, 2023

COLEBROOK – Pearl Alice (Beauchemin) Porter, 90, of Colebrook, passed away on Friday, June 30, 2023, at her home on Titus Hill. She would be happy to be remembered as a “tough old bird.”

Pearl was born in the middle of what would become Lake Francis in Pittsburg on August 2, 1932, the only child of Meddie and Alice (Goodchild) Beauchemin. She grew up in Clarksville where she sometimes rode Peter the pig to school. After 8th grade in Clarksville she attended high school in Pittsburg for two years before spending the final two years at Colebrook Academy, graduating in 1950. Her Colebrook classmates were lifelong friends.

She met Alton “Merton” Porter when he was working with his dad at Porter and Sons garage in Colebrook. She stopped at the garage frequently to “top off” the gas tank and to get the windshield of her dad’s taxi cleaned. They discovered their home during an afternoon walk in the woods. When they saw it, Merton said, “How’d you like to live here?” They were married at the Trinity United Methodist Church on May 9, 1953, moved into the house on the hill, raised six active children, and spent 63 busy, happy, sometimes silly, rarely quiet years together there before Merton’s death in 2016.

There was room in the little house on the hill for more than the family of eight. Pearl also cared for scores of cats and dogs and a fish or two. Her favorites

were two long-haired cats, Fred and George, and a calico cat named Cali who was her constant companion for the last 8 years.

Pearl was the leader of the Eagles 4-H club for many years. She was the driving force behind community projects, 4th of July floats, and group outings. She was mentor and instructor for club member projects in crafts, cooking, gardening, woodworking, sewing, and many other areas. Car loads of these projects were taken to the Lancaster Fair each September to be judged. For her work, Pearl earned several leadership awards and a trip to Washington, D.C.

After her kids were older, she went back to work outside the home. She was as an aide to Mrs. Carolyn Covell and taught classes in Home Economics at Colebrook Academy. Her former students all remember the lessons she taught. She began what became a forty-year tradition of braiding the ribbons on the baton for the Senior Class Marshal. No matter how awful the class colors, the baton was ready for graduation. Pearl worked The Balsams Hotel, first in the dining room and later managing the gift shop. She finished her working years at Dora's Boutique and The Old Appletree.

Pearl filled the basement shelves in her home and the pantries of her children's and friends' homes with vegetables and pickles that she canned and jellies she made. She compiled several cookbooks and was a great baker. The bread, pies, cookies, and biscuits she made were a joy to eat. Holiday meals were great feasts and usually included multiple pies and other desserts. Pearl also loved crafting, making greeting cards, and creating Christmas ornaments. She enjoyed working in her gardens and piling up the rocks that were found everywhere she dug. She had no sympathy for anyone who said, "I have nothing to do."

Nothing made her happier than a visit with family or friends, except perhaps a

jackpot from a slot machine or making a bid of “Oh, maybe four” in a game of Pitch.

Pearl is survived by her six children: Ruth and her husband, Alain Bouchard (Epping, NH); Lloyd Porter and his wife, Nancy (Gorham, ME), Nathan Porter and his wife, Margaret (Newmarket, NH); Cindy and her husband, David Hicks (Colebrook); Mark Porter and his wife, Audra (Colebrook); Faith and her husband, Michael Angevine (Stewartstown); six grandchildren: David Hicks Jr. and his wife Sarah (Colebrook); Christopher Hicks (Colebrook); Kevin Porter and his wife Isabel Griffin (Atlanta, Ga.); Renee Bouchard and her partner Corey Jackson (Acton, ME); Eric Porter (Madison, WI); Thomas Bouchard and his partner Erica Raymond (Northwood, NH); three great-grandchildren: Carson and Jackson Hicks, and Wyatt Bouchard; sisters in-law: Lois (Porter) Smith (Newport, VT); Eva (Porter) and husband Terry Byard (Clarksville, TN); Sheila (Porter) and husband Keith Beauchemin (Colebrook); and many nieces, nephews, friends, and “adoptive” children.

The family wishes to express their deep appreciation for the kindness and care given by Kelly Smith during Pearl’s final months.

Calling hours will be on Saturday, July 8, 2023, from Noon to 2 p.m. at the Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home in Colebrook. A graveside interment service will immediately follow at 2 p.m. in the Colebrook Village Cemetery.

Expressions of sympathy in memory of Pearl may be made to a local charity of one’s choice.

Condolences may be offered to the family on-line by going to [www.jenkinsnewman.com](http://www.jenkinsnewman.com).

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

# Cemetery Details

## Colebrook Village Cemetery

North Main Street, U.S. Route 3  
Colebrook, NH

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 8. 12:00 PM - 1:45 PM (ET)

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

## Graveside Service

JUL 8. 2:00 PM (ET)

Colebrook Village Cemetery  
North Main Street, U.S. Route 3  
Colebrook, NH

# Tribute Wall



“ I am sorry for you loss.



Yvonne Willey - October 05, 2024 at 07:25 PM



“ Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." was purchased for the family of Pearl A. Porter.



July 28, 2023 at 08:57 AM



“ Lucie Dagesse lit a candle in memory of Pearl A. Porter



Lucie Dagesse - July 15, 2023 at 10:59 PM



“ Diane West lit a candle in memory of Pearl A. Porter



Diane West - July 14, 2023 at 02:08 PM

SW

“ *Shelly Williams lit a candle in memory of Pearl A. Porter*



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**Shelly Williams** - July 11, 2023 at 01:39 PM



“ *My condolences to the Porter family. I have many happy memories with your Mom at 4H gatherings. She was the only person that I allowed to call me Barbie. Her kindness touched a lot of people.*  
*Barbara Gray St Pierre*

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**Barbara St Pierre** - July 10, 2023 at 12:01 PM



Stephanie Crawford

“ *So sad to hear of the passing of Pearl! I have so many great memories of many nights spent at the Porter house. Sending hugs to Faith and her family in this time of sorrow! Love from Stephanie and Family xoxo*

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**Stephanie Crawford** - July 08, 2023 at 09:56 AM

CR

“ *With sympathy to the Porter family for the loss of their Mother.*

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**Cindy Roy** - July 07, 2023 at 07:26 AM

CB

“ So sad to open the paper and see the obituary of my friend, Pearl. She was a beloved friend, creative soul, interesting lady, and fun to be with. Harry and I enjoyed many hours with her over several years, especially with 4H projects, gardening, and many happy times of good conversation. She will be missed! I will be in prayer with you on Saturday as you commend your beautiful mother and friend to God's holy care and comfort. May you know that this same care and comfort surrounds you at this time.

Love,  
Carol M. Bartlett

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Carol M Bartlett - July 05, 2023 at 04:04 PM

TY

“ Tami Young lit a candle in memory of Pearl A. Porter



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Tami Young - July 04, 2023 at 11:01 PM

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My sympathies go out to the family

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Tami Young - July 04, 2023 at 11:03 PM

JC

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to the Porter family. I was fortunate enough to have Mrs. Porter as a 4H leader. She was always kind, compassionate and most definitely patient.



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Jan Corliss - July 03, 2023 at 12:11 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Pearl A. Porter.*



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July 02, 2023 at 05:31 PM



“ *My deepest condolences to the Porter family. I am so sorry for your loss.*



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**Judy Hunt Budge** - July 01, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *I am sorry for your loss.*



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**Yvonne Willey** - July 01, 2023 at 12:16 PM



“ *Not only did I have the honor of knowing her through many of of the family, the Academy and church, but also working with her at the hotel. Thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

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**Dave Olmstead** - July 01, 2023 at 09:00 AM

WS

“ I was fortunate enough to have had her as a teacher’s assistant in home ec classes at the academy. My condolences to her family. RIP “chief”

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**Wilma Allen Steinman** - July 01, 2023 at 08:43 AM

SJ

“ I am one of those lucky people to have been part of Pearls “adoptive” family for over 48 years. She was my “second” mother and a person that I was so fortunate to know. Never a cross word came from her, and she was always interested in me, as a person. Pearl (Mom “P”) you will be missed greatly, but I will keep a special place in my heart for you. To the Porter family I send my sincere condolences and prayers.

Scott A. Judd

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**Scott Judd** - July 01, 2023 at 06:42 AM

JL

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to all her family, may she rest in peace

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**Julie Ladd** - June 30, 2023 at 10:20 PM

SU

“ My sincerest sympathy to the family. She was a special person and a joy to work with.

Sue

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**Sue** - June 30, 2023 at 07:27 PM

AC

“ So very sorry for your families loss!

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**Angelia Cross** - June 30, 2023 at 04:23 PM

PB

“ *Mark-- My condolences to you and the entire family upon your mother's passing. --Patrick*

Patrick M Blais - June 30, 2023 at 04:21 PM

LM

“ *Our deepest sympathy to Pearl's ( Mrs. Porter's) family. She was my leader in 4-H when I was a child. And just loved all the things she taught. I really admired her, looked up to her, and am thankful to have known her my whole life. Always friendly and pleasant. The last time I spoke to her was at my Mom's graveside service in 2016. Mr. Porter passed the same week. I will always be thankful that she and Faith came by to pay their respects. May God bring all the family His unmatched comfort during this time of deep loss.  
Sincerely,  
Lori ( Parkhurst) and Jim MacDonald, presently of Franklin, NH*

Lori MacDonald - June 30, 2023 at 02:27 PM

BC

“ *Our sympathy to the family*



blanche1945@hotmail.com - June 30, 2023 at 01:43 PM