



Pheobe L. Johnston

September 23, 1939 - December 2, 2025

COLEBROOK – Pheobe L. Johnston, 86, of Colebrook, passed away early on Tuesday morning, Dec. 2, 2025, at the home of her daughter in Berlin, N.H., and after a period of declining health.

She was born in Columbia on Sept. 23, 1939, a daughter to the late Wesley ‘Hoot’ and Beulah (Jackson) Hartwell. She was raised and educated in the Columbia area and was a 1957 graduate of Colebrook Academy. After school, she and her sister moved to Connecticut where Pheobe met her future husband through her future father-in-law whom she worked with. After marriage and starting a family, they relocated to Colebrook in 1971, and made their home at the old Mohawk red schoolhouse on Rt. 26.

Pheobe’s local working life was spent as a stitcher, first for MMI, then Gamm in North Stratford, and finally for many years at Codet, Inc., from which she retired at the age of 74. She would open her heart and home to everyone, and loved nature and plants, especially her yearly vegetable garden. She was a hard worker and very influential to everyone in the family and many in the community. Pheobe loved to be with friends and family. She was always willing to help others before thinking of herself.

She is survived by two daughters, Jamie Godbout and Virginia ‘Ginny’ Johnston of Berlin; her siblings, Betsy Lynch of Colebrook, Linda Thibeault of Florida, Brian (Fran) Hartwell of Connecticut, and Tony (Lorraine) Hartwell of Pittsburg, N.H., a sister-in-law, Beverly Hartwell of Tennessee; three grandchildren: Lucas Johnston, Sara Newcombe, and Cameron Broad; and three great-grandchildren: Aliyah Johnston, Louie Newcombe, and Sebastian Johnston.

She is predeceased by her husband James M. Johnston in 2012, a daughter, Jayne Newcombe, a brother, Freeman Hartwell, a sister, Ramona ‘Jeannie’ Washer, and a great-grandson, Conway Newcombe.

There are no public calling hours. The family will privately inter Pheobe and James

together in the Colebrook Village Cemetery on a later date.

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.

Cemetery Details

Colebrook Village Cemetery

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

Tribute Wall

DJ

“ *My deepest sympathy to Phoebe's entire family. She was a very wonderful and caring person. RIP Phoebe*

Dolores Jackson - December 06, 2025 at 08:22 AM

SM

“ *My sympathy to the family.*

Sue Miller - December 06, 2025 at 07:25 AM

OC

“ *I worked with Phoebe at MMI and she was so talented. She had practical solutions to sewing problems and was generous with her ideas and efforts. She was a pleasure to be with. My condolences to her family.*
Odette Crawford

Odette Crawford - December 05, 2025 at 09:44 PM

FA

My deepest sympathy to Phoebe's family.

Faith Angevine - December 06, 2025 at 01:38 PM

FC

“ *Our sympathy to Beverly and all the family*



Francine and Andre Champagne - December 05, 2025 at 08:46 PM



“ *Rita Donnell lit a candle in memory of Pheobe L. Johnston*



Rita Donnell - December 05, 2025 at 08:21 PM

JO

“ *It was an honor to know Pheobe*💕💕

Jolen - December 05, 2025 at 08:20 PM



“ *My husband & I send our deepest condolences to Pheobe's brother, Tony & all his &; her family. Carol & Jerry Bond.*

Carol Bond - December 05, 2025 at 07:50 PM