



Ralph W. Lynch

March 15, 1942 - August 31, 2025

COLEBROOK – Ralph William Lynch, 83, of Colebrook, NH died peacefully at his home on Sunday evening, Aug. 31, 2025, with his wife and sister at his side after a long period of declining health. He had had a good weekend with visits from his two daughters, their families, and extended members of his family.

He was born in West Stewartstown, N.H., on March 15, 1942, a son to the late J. Kenneth Lynch, Sr., and Dorothy S. (Barker) Lynch. Ralph attended the local schools and was a 1960 graduate of Colebrook Academy. He was drafted into the Army and served with honor from 1964-1966 with overseas time in the Dominican Republic.

When he returned home, Ralph made a career as a heavy truck parts specialist in the region. He worked for several automotive parts outlets, including Napa Auto Parts, Sanel's, and O'Reilly's. He was familiar with every big truck garage and delivered to all of them frequently. In his retirement, Ralph also worked for Brooks Chevrolet, taking trips to pick up or deliver new automobiles for the dealership.

Freemasonry was a very big part of Ralph's life. Having been raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in 1988, he was a two-term Past Master of Evening Star Lodge #37, F&AM, in Colebrook, in 1994 and 2014, and a

member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Mt. Eustis Chapter No. 1, serving as Worthy Patron multiple times. He was the secretary of Evening Star Lodge for 13 years. As part of his Masonic service, in 1998 Ralph was honored to be awarded the Major General John Sullivan Medal in bronze.

He was also a lifetime member of the John W. Weeks VFW Post 3041 in Lancaster, the George L. O'Neil American Legion Post 62 in Colebrook, and more recently he was a member of the American Legion Riders, a social motorcycle riding group that affectionately referred to Ralph as the "Old Goat."

Family was extremely important to Ralph. He would do anything for his daughters, including things they didn't know they needed done. He was supportive of not only his daughters, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, but also his sons-in-law and grandsons-in-law. Ralph valued his relationships with his sisters, brothers, nieces, nephews, and cousins, as well as those with the Pires and Placy families. Most recently, he enjoyed riding with Barb on their trikes.

Ralph is survived by his loving wife of 12 years, Barbara Pires Lynch of Colebrook; his two daughters, Helen Robertson and husband Steve, and Tina Chasse and husband Daniel, Sr., all of St. Johnsbury, Vt.; a sister, Martha Fedele of Newport, Vt.; ten grandchildren, Elizabeth (Robert) Little, Mary (Dillon) Kasel, Ericka (Reilly) Davis, Michael Robertson, Daniel (Andrew) Chasse, Jr, and Patrick, Rebecca, Anna (JJ McNeal), Joseph and Simon Robertson, and five great-grandchildren, Hope, Carter, Abraham, Mazikeen, and Theresa; as well as beloved nieces, nephews, and cousins too numerous to list.

He is predeceased by two brothers, Richard Lynch and John K. Lynch, Jr., and two sisters, Edith Lynch and Norma Covill.

Calling hours will be on Saturday, Sept. 6, 2025, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home in Colebrook. A Masonic funeral rite will immediately precede at 3:45 p.m. A graveside interment service with military honors will be held the next day, Sunday, Sept. 7, at Noon in the Colebrook Village Cemetery.

Expressions of sympathy in memory of Ralph may be made to the Evening Star Lodge #37 Masonic Scholarship Fund, c/o Matt Smith, Secretary, P.O. Box 241, Errol, NH 03579.

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

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 6. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

Masonic funeral rite will immediately precede the calling hours at 3:45 p.m.

Graveside Service

SEP 7. 12:00 PM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall

MB

“ *Barb, I am so sorry. MB*

MB Bright - September 07, 2025 at 02:11 PM

LM

“ *Here's wishing you a smooth journey in your next life, Ralph.
Your old friend, Leo*

Leo MacKinnon - September 07, 2025 at 08:06 AM

JZ

“ *Barbara,*

Adriana and I are so very sorry to hear of Ralph's passing. You, Ralph, and all of your family have always meant so very much to us. Words can't express how much we are going to miss Ralph's caring nature and the way he always made my family and I feel so very accepted and special. Ralph will always live within our hearts. Please know that you, Ralph, and all of your family will be in our prayers. May God's eternal love bring you peace.

John and Adriana Zavala

John Zavala - September 05, 2025 at 09:37 PM

MZ

“ *I offer my deepest condolences to you and your family. Ralph brought so joy and kindness to those around him. I remember how he was there for me for my confirmation and I'm so happy to have known him.*

Michael Zavala - September 05, 2025 at 05:42 PM

BB

“ *Ralph was a great friend & always had a smile on his face, never said a bad word about anyone. You will be missed my brother.* 👍🇺🇸
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Bruce Bryant - September 04, 2025 at 05:50 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ralph W. Lynch.*



September 04, 2025 at 08:09 AM

JB

“ *Judy Hunt Budge lit a candle in memory of Ralph W. Lynch*



Judy Hunt Budge - September 03, 2025 at 01:29 PM

JC

“ *Helen and Tina - I am so sorry for your loss. Keeping your family in my thoughts and prayers. Jan (Daley) Corliss*



jan Corliss - September 03, 2025 at 10:48 AM

EB

“ *Eric Brungot lit a candle in memory of Ralph W. Lynch*



Eric Brungot - September 03, 2025 at 10:07 AM

LK

“ *We are sorry to learn of Ralph's passing. He was an important part of Colebrook and had a positive impact on everyone who knew him.*

Leslie R Klinefelter - September 03, 2025 at 09:09 AM

RD

“ *Rita C Donnell lit a candle in memory of Ralph W. Lynch*



Rita C Donnell - September 03, 2025 at 07:05 AM

SM

“ *My sympathy to all. He was a great person to know.*

Sue Miller - September 02, 2025 at 06:35 PM

JK

“ Barbara, we're sorry to hear of Ralph's passing, he was a kind caring person and the perfect example of a gentleman. We always walked away from conversations with you and him, amazed by the love that he showed when he looked at you during our visit. We know your faith will get you through this. God blessed you and all of the family. Jules and Barbara Kennett

Jules Kennett - September 02, 2025 at 03:23 PM

DJ

So sorry for your loss.

Dolores Jackson - September 03, 2025 at 04:50 AM

EP

*Barbara, Helen and Tina
So sorry to learn of Ralph's passing. May he RIP and your memories will give you comfort.*

Ellie Pearson - September 03, 2025 at 10:34 PM

DB

SADLEY MISSES BUT NOT FORGOTEN RIP RALPH

Dennis Bryant - December 03, 2025 at 09:23 PM