



Ramona C. Shahan

June 19, 1932 - December 20, 2013

COLEBROOK— Ramona C. Shahan, 81, of Colebrook, passed away on Friday morning, Dec. 20, 2013, at her residence after a long period of failing health.

Mona was born on June 19, 1932, in Colebrook, a daughter to the late Alton and Christie (McKeage) Bailey. She attended the local schools and was raised by her aunt , Alta Kelsea, enjoying her childhood with all her cousins. Mona was a 1950 graduate of Colebrook Academy.

After two years in the U.S. Air Force, Ramona traveled and sang in country & western music clubs in Florida, Alabama, W. Virginia, and Ohio. She later relocated back to New England and worked for many years in shoe factories in Massachusetts, Vermont and N.H. In 1972, she moved to Romulus, NY, to be closer to her brother; and while there she owned and operated “Mona’s Pizza & Subs” for ten years. She later worked as a private security guard for Eisenhower College in Seneca Falls, NY, and was also a corrections officer for the Seneca County Sheriff’s Dept. Mona volunteered for the Seneca County Civil Defense for 8 years, and she was a member of the Romulus Volunteer Fire Dept. for 8 years, at one time being named the “Firefighter of the Year.” She returned to Colebrook in 1994 and resided at Monadnock Village.

Mona was an animal lover, having many beloved pets over the years, and was

a charter member of the North American Fishing Club. She was also an avid Red Sox and New England Patriots fan, enjoyed watching NASCAR races, and she was a huge fan of the Colebrook Mohawks.

She leaves behind her cousins, Dennis Bailey and wife Sue of Colebrook; Donald Kelsea and wife Carmela of Pittsburg, Barbara Wells of Antrim, NH, Leone Brooks and Lorraine Bailey of Connecticut, Barbara & Lyndsey Spaltro of Connecticut; her sister-in-law, Doris Rainville of Zephyr Hills, Fla.; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by a brother, Bernard Rainville.

Calling hours will be on Friday, Dec. 27, from 3-5 p.m. at the Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home in Colebrook. A graveside service will be in the spring at the Colebrook Village Cemetery.

Expressions of sympathy in memory of Ramona may be made to the Colebrook Area Food Pantry, 55 Pleasant St., Colebrook, NH 03576.

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

Cemetery Details

Colebrook Village Cemetery

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

Tribute Wall

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“ *Mona was a very caring person & will be missed by many, especially at Monadnock Village where she befriended & helped many. I will always be thankful for all the time she spent with my Mom while she lived there. They each cooked & gave to the other a lot. She was a great friend to my Mom & that meant a lot. Rest in peace Mona. Bonnie*

Bonnie Lambert - January 12, 2014 at 12:00 PM

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“ *Mona--God Bless you! Your smile brightened any day, and your love of people shone always. Avid Irishman, Red Sox fan, and overall--such a pleasant, happy person, --So humble, so giving, ...you have graced my life and the lives of so very many...I thank you for all you have given this world!*

Denise - December 30, 2013 at 10:15 AM

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“ *I remember her smile and laugh as if it were just yesterday and taking Scott for a slushi at her store.*

Teresa Brewer - December 23, 2013 at 03:51 PM

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“ *Oh wow all those years ago. I spent many of days after school at Mona's pizza shop playing pinball to get the weekly high score and to win one of her fine pizza's! And yes she was a value to the community and the Romulus fire dept. Rest in peace Ramona*

Pat O'Connell - December 23, 2013 at 02:09 PM

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“ *Mona- Was a sweetheart . She was a great addition to the Romulus Fire Dept. She was a great adult role model for the kids that came to the sub shop. She was so much a part of our community and cared for everyone as if they were part of her family. God Bless you Mona!- John Lichak*

John lichak - December 23, 2013 at 12:45 PM

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“ *Ramona, was the most caring person I have known for a long time. She looked out for so many people at the village and never complained about herself-always concerned about others. May you rest in peace Ramona cause you well deserve it. I will miss you, Barbara (Lyons) Daley.*

Barbara (Lyons) Daley - December 22, 2013 at 06:49 PM