



## Ray A. Bryant

April 21, 1935 - May 31, 2015

WEST STEWARTSTOWN, NH -- Mr. Ray A. Bryant, 80, of West Stewartstown, passed away at his daughter's home in Londonderry, NH, on Sunday afternoon, May 31, 2015, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born in Arundel, Me., on April 21, 1935, a son to the late Victor and Gladys (Hutchins) Bryant. Ray graduated from Kennebunk High School in 1954 and spent most of his life in West Stewartstown.

Ray worked for the Beecher Falls Division of Ethan Allen for 42 years as a supervisor in the maintenance department. He happily spent 48 years as an active member of the Beecher Falls Volunteer Fire Department, with many of those years at the rank of Assistant Chief. He enjoyed helping his community and socializing with the members of his department. Ray also had a passion for restoring antique cars, for which he had a great talent. He loved driving his cars in the local parades. But his greatest joy always came from spending time with his beloved family.

Ray was one of the most kind, patient, and caring persons that one could ever meet. Everyone he met loved him, and for good reason. He lived his life believing and teaching others that "there is good in everyone."

He is survived by two daughters, Roxanne Wright and husband Steve of

Pittsburg, and Sherry Dorman and husband Winston of Londonderry; two sisters, Alice Williamson of Farmington, Me., and Joanne Watts of Pocahontas, Ark.; four grandchildren, Lance and Blaine Dorman, Karen Carr, and Kristen Tessler; two great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. Ray also had a special relationship with his brothers and sisters-in-law, as well as long-time friend and co-worker, Michael Brauch.

He is preceded in death by his beloved wife of 45 years, Grathia (Ladd) Bryant in 2010; his daughter, Raelene Biron, her husband Michael, and two grandchildren.

Calling hours will be held on Wednesday, June 3, 2015, from 5-8 p.m. at the Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home in Colebrook, NH. A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, June 4, at the Independent Baptist Church in West Stewartstown. Interment will immediately follow at the Alice Hunt Cemetery in Canaan, Vt.

Expressions of sympathy in memory of Chief Bryant may be made to the Beecher Falls Volunteer Fire Dept., P.O. Box 326, Beecher Falls, VT 05902.

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

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

# Cemetery Details

## Alice Hunt Cemetery

VT Route 114  
Canaan, VT

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 3. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Service

JUN 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

Independent Baptist Church  
U.S. Route 3, Washington St.  
West Stewartstown, NH

# Tribute Wall

AG

“ We are very sorry for your recent loss. Please accept our sincere condolences. May God bless you all with many happy memories of your loved one. Lindsey and Ann

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**Ann Gray** - June 24, 2015 at 12:10 PM

JH

“ This is from Henry Harlow ' s widow , Jane Harlow . Henry worked with Ray at Ethan Allen in Beecher Falls. He also admired his restoring antique cars. He even went to see him while he was working on some beauties. I want to send my sympathies along with prayers. Both Henry and Ray can compare notes now!  
Sincerely, Jane Berry Harlow.

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**Jane Harlow** - June 08, 2015 at 11:25 AM

DD

“ Roxanne and Sherry -

*I was so sorry to hear of your father's passing. I remember him from our childhood as a very kind and gentle man. My thoughts are with you and your families.*

*Darlene (French) Dumais-Allen*

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**Darlene (French) Dumais-Allen** - June 07, 2015 at 07:15 PM

MC

“ Roxanne and Sherry so sorry to here about your Dad.  
Linda and I have you and all family members of Ray in our prayers!  
God bless you all! Love you,  
brother Mike



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**Mike Chaloux** - June 07, 2015 at 11:04 AM

LB

“ To the family of Ray"s We are so sorry for  
your loss He will be missed by many. R.I.P



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**Lester and Theresa Brooks** - June 04, 2015 at 06:58 PM

DL

“ To Ray (as we called himUncle Ray)we got to  
know you better with Ryan,Nelson and their  
family. You were always their to help at  
anytime and your kind voice and words will  
always be remembered. You will be missed  
dearly. You will always be rembered but never forgotten. R.I.P.  
Rene,Donna and Markus Lapierre



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**Donnna Lapierre** - June 04, 2015 at 09:09 AM

HH

“ Our deepest condolences go out to the family on your loss.

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**Haven & Peggy Haynes** - June 03, 2015 at 10:54 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ray A. Bryant.



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June 03, 2015 at 03:54 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this difficult time.

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**Richard and Sandy** - June 03, 2015 at 01:45 PM



“ He was truly genuine. He so enjoyed his vacations to Maine with Roxanne. Especially showing them where he grew up and different sights in the area to staying on the ocean and then going down to Sherry's for a family gathering. He would be beaming telling me this in the aisle at Solomon's store. God Bless and RIP Ray, Carey & Jane Cross

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**Jane Cross** - June 03, 2015 at 10:23 AM



“ Uncle Ray was one of the most understanding and caring people I have known. Words can not even begin to express how empty our hearts are without you. You are more than an uncle to Ryan and Raygen. I am so glad Raygen had you in her life and she will always be reminded of how great of a man you were. I know you are were you want to be and that is with Aunt Grat. We love you very much!!

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**Jamie Boire** - June 02, 2015 at 09:24 PM

CD

“ *Cathe Defreitas lit a candle in memory of Ray A. Bryant*



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**cathe defreitas** - June 02, 2015 at 08:49 PM

CD

*Ray you have the most wonderful family, how lucky you all are. God will have you right up by his side, RIP*

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**cathe defreitas** - June 02, 2015 at 08:58 PM

SO

*Our deepest condolences go out to the family.*

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**Stewartstown Town Officials** - June 05, 2015 at 12:20 PM

BB

“ *Bernard and Vicky-Jo Black purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ray A. Bryant.*



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**Bernard and Vicky-Jo Black** - June 02, 2015 at 07:04 PM

DG

“ Our most heartfelt sympathies goes to Ray's family. I started working at Ethan Allen when I was 16 years old and Ray was my boss, he was always very knowledgeable and very precise in everything he did and THE MOST patient man I have ever known. He was a great boss, and friend, and colleague on the Fire Dept. I learned a lot from him and he will be greatly missed by all. He was always even tempered and very easy to be around. We always enjoyed visiting with him while attending the Fire Banquets. God Bless Ray and his family. I'm sure he is right up there in heaven with all the angels. Goodbye my friend. Donald and Ginette Gagnon

Donald & Ginette Gagnon - June 02, 2015 at 06:29 PM

DD

“ ray, you were the nicies man that i knew. i know you are in heaven now. may you rest in peace. to the family, im sorry for your lost. know that GOD is taking good care of him!!!

deborah gadwah dickinson - June 02, 2015 at 01:47 PM

NM

“ My deepest condolences to the family, thoughts and prayers are with you.

Nicole Dube Morissette

Nicole Dube Morissette - June 02, 2015 at 11:35 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Ray A. Bryant.



June 02, 2015 at 10:38 AM

PR

“ Our deepest sympathies to Rays' family, he was a great friend and inspiration. He was a mentor to me growing up and throughout my firefighting career with BFVFD. I remember from my very first auction as young boy starting out, when my Dad finally let me be part of it, Ray was right there working hard as he did every year after that. He kept the flow of furniture going up on the block so smooth folks would think that's what we did for a career. He will be greatly missed by us all and I thank God for his guidance through the years both on and off the fire ground. God speed my friend, keep an eye on us from above!

Perry Richardson - June 02, 2015 at 09:21 AM

RD

“ Rosalie And David lit a candle in memory of Ray A. Bryant



Rosalie and David - June 01, 2015 at 08:57 PM

JM

“ RIP Ray, I have many good memories, you were a wonderful person. My condolences to your family.

John Morrissey - June 01, 2015 at 08:53 PM

PP

“ It was always a joy to see and talk to Ray. I worked with Ray for close to 40 years on the fire dept. he never talked loud but when he spoke you LISTENED. It will not be the same without him. He will be missed greatly.

Philip Pariseau - June 01, 2015 at 07:44 PM

JW

“ Joanne Watts purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ray A. Bryant.



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**Joanne Watts** - June 01, 2015 at 07:20 PM

DL

“ Our deepest sympathy to the family of this kind, loving and irreplaceable man. Ray was an inspiration to his fellow firefighters and a friend to all. He touched so many lives with his wisdom and kind words. May his family find comfort in knowing he is at peace. You will be missed my friend, but never forgotten. You will always be in our hearts, and our fond memories of you will be forever.  
Love to all,  
Danny and Susan Lepine

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**Daniel Lepine** - June 01, 2015 at 06:48 PM

JW

“ I couldn't of had a better brother. Will miss our talks... Sister Joanne

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**Joanne Watts** - June 01, 2015 at 06:30 PM

CL

“ Claire lit a candle in memory of Ray A. Bryant



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**claire** - June 01, 2015 at 06:14 PM

FC

“ Please accept our condolences for your loss. Ray was a very good person. Francine & Andre Champagne

Francine Champagne - June 01, 2015 at 06:13 PM

KB

“ Keith And Billie Brockney lit a candle in memory of Ray A. Bryant



Keith and Billie Brockney - June 01, 2015 at 05:18 PM

KB

So sorry for your loss, he was a great man. Had some pretty good laughs with him.

Keith and Billie Brockney - June 01, 2015 at 05:20 PM

CL

So sorry about your loss he was a good man always was very pleasant when u met up to him

claire - June 01, 2015 at 06:12 PM

MB

So sorry for the loss of Ray. He was the nicest man you'd ever meet. I will miss him dearly.

Mike Brauch - June 01, 2015 at 07:49 PM

FF

“ Ray always had a personality of greeting anyone with a positive attitude and kindness. Anyone who worked or was friends with are better for knowing Ray. I had the pleasure of working with Ray. Please accept our condolences for your loss, will miss seeing Ray and Mike driving by and waving to them at lunch time. A great loss.

Frank & Sheila Fissette - June 01, 2015 at 05:08 PM

CC

“ Ray was so kind and gentle and always greeted people with a warm smile. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all and may his memory give you peace and comfort.  
Love, Keenan & Chantal Carney

Chantal Carney - June 01, 2015 at 04:53 PM

CC

“ It was always a pleasure to run into Ray, he will be missed. A fine man, a good leader and a hard worker with so many talents. You will be greatly missed Ray. Rest in Peace Chief.

Calvin Crawford

Calvin Crawford - June 01, 2015 at 04:48 PM

TE

“ Tricia Ellingwood lit a candle in memory of Ray A. Bryant



Tricia Ellingwood - June 01, 2015 at 04:34 PM

PC

“ Bob and I share the same opinion of Ray - he was by far one of the nicest and kind man in this area. Anytime we saw Ray, he was sure to say "hello" with the warmest smile. We will miss Ray. Please accept our deepest sympathies Roxanne, Steve, Sherry, Winston and families. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

*Bob and Pauline Couture*

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**Pauline Couture** - June 01, 2015 at 04:28 PM

SF

“ Uncle Ray was the kindest, most patient, caring person I ever met. He was a wonderful man and made such a difference in your life, if you happen to know him. May all the wonderful memories of him not be forgotten.

*Sherry Ladd Fish*



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**Sherry Ladd Fish** - June 01, 2015 at 04:20 PM

SY

*Uncle Ray your smile always brighten our day. Your compassion and love of live will live with us forever we will miss you. love Sarah and Danny yerxa*

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**Sarah & danny yerxa** - June 01, 2015 at 05:18 PM

WN

*Our deepest condolences to you Roxanne, Sherry and family. Ray was a wonderful man and will be missed by many.*

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**Walter, Suzelle Noyes** - June 01, 2015 at 06:14 PM