



## Raymond P. Thivierge

April 6, 1933 - March 14, 2017

COLEBROOK — Raymond P. Thivierge, 83, of Colebrook, passed away on his own terms on Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at the Concord Hospital in Concord, NH, after a long and valiant battle with lung cancer. He spent his last days surrounded by his loving family, sharing memories and saying goodbye.

Ray was born on a farm in St-Isidore, Que., on April 6, 1933, the eldest child of the late Ludger and Eva (Rouleau) Thivierge. His childhood was filled with hard work and boyish shenanigans with his large lot of extended family and friends, much of which became fodder for tales he told throughout his life.

As a young adult in the mid-1950s, Ray emigrated to Tupper Lake, NY, where he met and married the love of his life, Jane Robideau. Their love story was epic and lasted 56 years before her death in 2012. In their early days, the couple travelled to various locations taking their love on the road and following highway and bridge construction projects to earn a living. Ray made many friends along the way and learned to love his new country, a patriotism that lasted to his final days.

After 6 years, Ray and Jane began their family and moved to Colebrook where he would spend the rest of his life. Ray was a lumberman by heritage, learning the trade at a young age from his father and uncles. He worked in the woods for much of his career, owning his own skidders and other logging equipment and working for several logging operations throughout northern New England. Ray was also skilled in construction and was proud of his contribution to several public works projects including hydro-electric dams, bridges, and highways across the country. Later in life, Ray applied his skills as a carpenter, craftsman and all around “Mr.-fix-it”. He was particularly proud of one finish-carpentry project he did that was featured in Log Home Magazine.

As a young man, Ray was well known in the North Country as a bouncer for several local establishments of the day including the Riviera in Beecher Falls, Vt., where he forged a legendary reputation for his ability to “keep the peace”, earning the respect and friendship

of many a patron. He used to joke that some of his best friends came from a bar fight.

When not working, Ray and Jane loved to socialize and take a spin or two across the dance floor, proudly displaying their jitterbug moves. In addition to woodworking and puttering around at mechanics, Ray loved to play cards, garden and spend time outdoors, hunting, fishing and going to the beach. He was a talented amateur musician, playing the accordion and harmonica by ear, sometimes grabbing his "mouth organ" for a jam session with friends. He was a great lover of animals and was especially close to his Boston Terrier who he called Booboo.

Ray let it be known that his role as a father was his most important and rewarding. He described himself as the "luckiest man in the world" whenever surrounded by his family. He is survived by his children, Raymond L. Thivierge and his fiancé, Matthew Nuss of West Hollywood, CA; and three daughters, Tammy Jayne Thivierge of Colebrook, who provided loving care to Ray during the final years of his life, Sherry Hardy and her Husband Troy, of Canterbury, NH and Rachele Thivierge of Natick, MA. He was particularly proud of his grandson, Christopher Thivierge, who he helped raise, and his wife Crystal of Colebrook and his other grandchildren Jocelyn Thivierge and her fiancé Andrew Soucy, Jacob Thivierge, Jeffrey Thivierge and step-grandson, Brenden Hardy. Ray had a very special love for his great-grandchildren, Colton, Caleb, Dakota and Ryder. Ray also leaves a foster son, Jeremy Rolfe and his son Tristan, several nieces and nephews, many loving cousins, and many special family friends including Peter Middlemass and Kristie Champagne.

In addition to his beloved wife and parents, Ray is preceded in death by his siblings, Claude Thivierge and Huggette Mathieu.

A funeral Mass will be held at 11:00 AM on April 1, 2017, at St. Brendan's Catholic Church in Colebrook, followed by a celebration of his life at the Colebrook Country Club beginning at 12:30. A graveside committal service will be held in the spring, 2017.

Expressions of sympathy in memory of Mr. Thivierge may be made to the Two Rivers Ride for Cancer, c/o R. Mulliken, 53 Spring St., Colebrook, NH 03576.

Condolences may be offered to the family on-line 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

## St. Brendan's Catholic Cemetery

South Main Street  
Colebrook, NH

# Tribute Wall

JM

“ *Our sincerest condolences to Rays family. Have known Ray for a long time since back in the Beecher Falls days and have shared a laugh or two with him. He will be missed by many.  
Rest In Peace Ray.*

John and Sue Morrissey - April 21, 2017 at 02:30 AM

DP

“ *You will be missed Ray  
we will miss your laughter*

*you will be missed*

*Dan*

dan philie - April 06, 2017 at 08:13 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Raymond P. Thivierge.*



March 29, 2017 at 08:17 PM

RR

“ *Dear Ray, Tammy, Sherry, Rachele, Christopher, Jeremy and all the family members loved by this amazing man. Ray would always receive guest with his big hand shake and smile. He always had a game or challenge to test your strength and skills. He will be missed by all the people he touched during his life. Our deepest sympathy and prayers go out to all of you.*

*Love Rene, Christine, Alexander & Morgan*

Rene Rouleau - March 29, 2017 at 09:37 AM



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March 28, 2017 at 03:56 PM

VA

“ *Victor And Aimee lit a candle in memory of Raymond P. Thivierge*



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**Victor and Aimee** - March 27, 2017 at 07:06 PM

LD

“ *My condolences to the family. Ray was a very caring man who will be missed.*

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**lucie c dagesse** - March 27, 2017 at 10:22 AM

LD

“ *Lucie C Dagesse lit a candle in memory of Raymond P. Thivierge*



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**lucie c dagesse** - March 27, 2017 at 10:20 AM

SB

“ *I'm sorry for your loss, Chris and Crystal. I just read Ray's obituary ... obviously he was quite a man. The memories are forever.*

*Samuel Bird*

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**Samuel Bird** - March 24, 2017 at 06:58 PM

CC

“ Dear Ray, Tammy, Sherry, Rachele and families,  
I was sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. He was a wonderful man with a big smile. I enjoyed reading his obituary and could just picture Ray and Jane doing the jitterbug! I hope that you can find comfort in all of the wonderful memories you share about your father and hope that with those memories, your pain will be a bit lighter.

Cynthia Cummings-Birch - March 23, 2017 at 04:36 PM

EP

“ What a wonderful tribute to the life of Raymond in his obituary. I'll always remember his smiling face no matter what the situation. He and Jane raised a wonderful family and you all should be very proud. Memories will sustain you and family and friends will help lessen the pain at this very sad time.

Ellie Pearson

Ellie Pearson - March 22, 2017 at 03:55 PM

HH

“ Our deepest condolences go out to the Thivierge family on your loss. Ray always had time to stop and chat, along with telling a story or two or three. Everyone in the North Country knew Ray.

Haven & Peggy Haynes - March 21, 2017 at 02:11 AM

DB

“ so sorry to hear of Rays passing.  
Normand and Debbie Boivin



Debbie Boivin - March 20, 2017 at 07:53 PM

DC

“ I remember working with Raymond in the 70's, his personality kept us going on those long summer days. He was a big man with a big presence, I know you will miss him dearly. My sympathy goes out all of you.

Dennis Couture

Dennis Couture - March 20, 2017 at 02:40 PM

JP

“ *Jan & Phil lit a candle in memory of Raymond P. Thivierge*



Jan & Phil - March 20, 2017 at 04:35 AM

JP

*Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this most difficult time.*

Jan & Phil - March 20, 2017 at 04:36 AM

BC

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you, at this difficult time.  
Love Raymond, was always smiling, surely will be miss by his wonderful family.  
Love , Brendon and Carmen Cote*

brendon & Carmen - March 19, 2017 at 05:30 PM

LC

“ *Linda Clogston lit a candle in memory of Raymond P.  
Thivierge*



Linda Clogston - March 19, 2017 at 03:51 PM

LC

*Thinking of you at this difficult time. So glad that I had a chance to visit with Ray a little while ago.*

Linda Clogston - March 19, 2017 at 03:53 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Raymond P.  
Thivierge.*



March 19, 2017 at 08:58 AM

JB

“ I am so sorry for your loss.



Judy Hunt Budge - March 19, 2017 at 06:31 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Raymond P. Thivierge.



March 18, 2017 at 05:52 PM

GJ

“ Many thoughts and prayers for the Thivierge family at this time of their loss. Ray did some woods cutting for us many years ago, and it was always nice to run into him around town. He won't be forgotten.

Ginger Jannenga

Ginger Jannenga - March 18, 2017 at 03:56 PM

MH

“ Rest In Peace Dad. I always called you that.... so glad I got to see you last year. What a gorgeous kind man. Thinking of everyone and sending much love, Margie xxxxxx

Margie Hobbs - March 18, 2017 at 02:56 PM

JA

“ Sorry for your loss - prayers and thoughts are with you!

Jolen Aubin - March 18, 2017 at 01:40 PM

LL

“ Sherry, sorry for your loss. He sounded like quite a man

Lori Lanza - March 18, 2017 at 01:27 PM

FR

“ *He was a good man to know, it is sad to know he left us.  
Our sympathy and prayers to all the family and friends.  
Francine & Andre Champagne*



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**Francine** - March 18, 2017 at 01:09 PM

JM

“ *RIP Mon Oncle Raymond <3*

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**Joanne Mathieu** - March 18, 2017 at 11:20 AM