



Raymond M. McKinnon

August 13, 1968 - December 29, 2011

CLARKSVILLE, NH-- Angels ride a Harley. Riding his Harley through the streets of Heaven with his face in the wind, he is on patrol astride a brand new Harley made of gold. Our loved one, Raymond M. McKinnon, was grasped from his loving family and friends on Thursday, December 29, 2011, and his new life began. He was only 43.

Melanoma may have taken over Raymond's health, but never his spirit. He had a great will to live, as he stated to many people, "Raymond McKinnon isn't a man dying of cancer, but Raymond McKinnon is a man living with cancer." And his passion for life stayed strong until his passing.

Raymond's life began on August 13, 1968, in Newport, Vt., another baby boy for Donald and Lorraine McKinnon. He graduated from Pittsburg High School in 1986, and shortly after began his employment at Ethan Allen. He worked for many years in the sanding department and performed many other jobs during his 25 years of employment. Raymond also worked many years for Dan Dionne until his illness.

With the help from family and friends, he built his home in Clarksville, in which he took great pride. Raymond took pride in everything he touched. He has helped so many individuals, whether changing a tire or rewiring a bathroom.

Raymond was a man rooted in altruism, always seeking to help others, regardless of how they might return the favor, he was a selfless man. When not working, he enjoyed life. His favorite pastime was riding his motorcycle. It was not uncommon to see Raymond riding his Harley rain or shine. He liked long rides and enjoyed scenic views. Raymond shared his passion of motorcycling with his girlfriend, Katrina, teaching her how to ride, and touring New Hampshire, Maine and Vermont with his friends. His soul shined through his actions. He was a best friend to many, they knew who they were, and for them they knew the things he would do. He would be there for his family no matter the cost.

With a quick joke and a welcome smile, he was also there someone needed to talk. For many years, Raymond enjoyed helping the boys on the Hughes' farm with their tree business and working on the pit crew for Mike Hughes and his racecar. He got so much joy from helping others. He loved spending time with his family and working at the family sugar shack in the spring of the year, boiling the famous McKinnon maple syrup. There are few men like Raymond; one search far and wide, but a man like this will not leave you, not even after he is gone. He will be there when you wake up on those bright sunny, summer days. Memories of Raymond will make you smile when everything around you looks so gray.

He has left behind many people who love him dearly, and he will forever be in their hearts.

He is survived by his parents, Donald and Lorraine (Parker) McKinnon of Pittsburg; his brother, Roger McKinnon of South Carolina and his family Julie, Josie, Jake, and Lacey; his brother Ricky McKinnon and family Georgette Cameron of North Carolina; his brother Richard McKinnon and his family, Holli, and Melissa of Pittsburg; his companion, Katrina Cross and son Carl and his faithful furry friend Harley; as well as numerous cousins.

Yes, there is pain in our hearts today because we will never again hear him say "LET'S GO FOR A RIDE," but when we roll out, he will be there because the streets of heaven are patrolled by angels on Harleys. Raymond--we all love you and forever you will stay in our hearts.

Calling hours will be on Monday, January 2, 2012, from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. at the Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home in Colebrook. A memorial service to celebrate Raymond's life will be held in the spring near his home in Clarksville.

Expressions of sympathy in memory of Raymond may be made to the Two Rivers Ride for Cancer, c/o Rosemary Mulliken at The First Colebrook Bank, 132 Main St., Colebrook, NH 03576.

Condolences may be offered to the family on-line by going to www.jenkinsnewman.com.

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

Tribute Wall



“ Ray was a great man and great cousin. We had a lot of great adventures growing up, even though most of them were of him saving me from his younger brothers. He will be missed greatly.##imported-begin##Jaime Mckinnon##imported-end##

January 07, 2012 at 08:01 PM



“ We are so sorry for the loss of your son, our thoughts and prayers are with you. Sorry we couldn't be there due to our jobs. If you need anything please let us know. From the family of Glenn Perry and from the family of Stewart Sweatt.##imported-begin##Glenn & Tracy Perry##imported-end##

January 04, 2012 at 05:55 PM



“ Wishing your family the most heartfelt condolences during these trying times.##imported-begin##Jeremy Richardson##imported-end##

January 04, 2012 at 10:24 AM



“ Ride ON Raymond~##imported-begin##Erica Boutin##imported-end##

January 04, 2012 at 06:25 AM



“ We are sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##Dick Brady & Julie Fournier##imported-end##

January 03, 2012 at 09:09 AM



“ Our thoughts & prayers are with all of you. I am so sorry. May peace be with you.##imported-begin##Cassandra (Casey) Smith##imported-end##

January 03, 2012 at 08:22 AM



“ i am so sorry to hear ab out your passing i have so many memmories when we were kids had so much fun rest in peace even know we have not seen each other i still love u and thought about u u have no pain anymore rest peacefully love ya always##imported-begin##kim kloosterman paquin##imported-end##

January 03, 2012 at 07:10 AM



“ Mr. McKinnon-Mr. Forbes/ Mr. Forbes-Mr. McKinnon/ Either way of greeting it was with the Ray McKinnon smile and conversation. Ray, My world is a better place for having know you.My deepest feeling to the family and especially to Ray's parents. Behind every cloud there is sunshine.##imported-begin##John A. Forbes##imported-end##

January 03, 2012 at 02:47 AM



“ I am sorrowed that when we grow up we always seem to drift apart, bit I take all the memories of the best time of my childhood and the best always comes to my time spent with him and his brothers!! Thank you !!!! Love you all and he is going to be missed but not forgotten.##imported-begin##Yvonne McKinnon##imported-end##

January 02, 2012 at 06:17 PM



“ Katrina, CJ and family...our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Our deepest sympathies in your time of need.##imported-begin##John & Tricia Shatney##imported-end##

January 02, 2012 at 05:25 PM



“ May your happy memories of Raymond help you through this very difficult time. We are thinking and praying for all of you.##imported-begin##Wimp and Jeannine Brady##imported-end##

January 02, 2012 at 01:59 PM



“ our condolences to Lorraine , Donald and Family . Raymond will be deeply missed by all family and friends . He was a great person##imported-begin##Shirley Dagesse##imported-end##

January 02, 2012 at 08:58 AM



“ Uncle Donnie, Aunt Lorraine: My thoughts and those of my family are with you and yours.

Harry Jr., Juliet, Max, Maya##imported-begin##Harry McKinnon Jr.##imported-end##

January 02, 2012 at 12:02 AM



“ My thoughts & prayers are with all of you. I am so sorry. May peace be with you. XO Katrina##imported-begin##Deanna Clement##imported-end##

January 01, 2012 at 09:33 PM



“ To Katrina and the family of Raymond McKinnon
My prayers are with all of you at this time of your loss. God will take good care of him. Katrina, Teresa and I are thinking of you and holding you in our prayers and thoughts...
Jackie Caires

January 01, 2012 at 08:16 PM



“ Katrina, CJ and Raymonds family and friends. I am so sorry for your loss. Raymond was a very kind and honest man who would do for others in the drop of a hat. I will cherish the memories of Raymond from the racing days with Mike Hughes and James. He could always make me laugh. May he rest in peace and know he will be with you in spirit always.
Renee Lambert Powers

January 01, 2012 at 07:39 PM



“ I'm very sorry to Katrina and all the Family. Raymond was a good friend and will always be remembered.
Dennis Johnson

January 01, 2012 at 03:59 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of Raymonds family and friends. Though he is no longer with you here on earth...he will always be with you in your hearts, watching over you all. Talk to him and keep him with you everyday. God Bless you all at this time.
Keenan and Chantal Carney

January 01, 2012 at 09:34 AM



“ Katrina, Raymond and I had a great trip this past summer and he spoke a lot about you and what you meant to him. I was glad to get up to see the both of you and to tell him what he meant to me. My condolences to you. Remember whenever you fire up your HOG and go for a ride, that he will be in spirit with you.

Love, Matt##imported-begin##Matthew Glavin and Family##imported-end##

January 01, 2012 at 07:56 AM



“ Rest in Peace Raymond my friend and cousin. It was great riding with you this summer. You made a lot of people better people by your selflessness. I am sure a better person for meeting you. See ya on the other side buddy. My family wishes to express their condolences to all the Mckinnon family.

Matt Glavin and Family##imported-begin##Matthew Glavin and Family##imported-end##

January 01, 2012 at 07:49 AM



“ Donnie, Lorraine,Roger,Ricky Richard,Trina & CJ. There's not enough words to describe the person Raymond was. Great son, brother, friend to many and his memory will live, or should I say ride on forever. I have lots of memories of Raymond that will hold dear to me. My deepest sympathy to all of you.##imported-begin##Michele Gosselin##imported-end##

January 01, 2012 at 01:48 AM



“ Lorraine and Donald our deepest sympathy to you, your family, Katrina and Raymond's many friends. Many people pass through this life and hardly leave a footprint. Where Raymond has been looks like a stampede. He will always be remembered as one person we feel blessed to have known. Our hearts go out to you.##imported-begin##Dick and Joni Hicks##imported-end##

December 31, 2011 at 03:45 PM



“ Raymond you were truly a great friend. No matter what was going on you were always there whenever any of us, your friends, needed a hand or someone to talk to. We had lots of interesting conversations regarding politics and always seemed to get a good laugh from those discussions. You will be missed. My sympathies go out to you Donnie, Lorraine, Katrina and family. Rest in peace my friend.##imported-begin##Brian Inkell##imported-end##

December 31, 2011 at 03:45 PM



“ Donnie, Lorraine and family,
I was so sorry to hear of Raymond's passing. He sure fought the good fight. Know that you are in my prayers . Barbara##imported-begin##Barbara McKinnon (Tombstone, AZ)##imported-end##

December 31, 2011 at 01:22 PM



“ My deepest regrets to Ray's family and friends for your loss. I have very good memories of being Rays classmate. I feel honored and blessed to have had the opportunity to "grow up" with Ray.I remember boy scouts with Ray and our big trip to watch the premier of Star Wars in Lancaster. His courage and strength with his battle with cancer was truly admirable. May he rest in peace and have many beautiful rides in heaven.##imported-begin##Vincent Judd##imported-end##

December 31, 2011 at 12:20 PM



“ Our Condolences to Katrina and all the family.For ever we will see his smile.##imported-begin##Francine & Andre Champagne##imported-end##

December 31, 2011 at 11:50 AM



“ So very sorry to all of Raymond's family and friends for your loss. I will always remember the rides we went on together and he will be missed greatly.##imported-begin##Duane Young##imported-end##

December 31, 2011 at 07:30 AM



“ Rest in peace my Friend##imported-begin##Guy Turgeon##imported-end##

December 31, 2011 at 03:18 AM



“ Katrina, our deepest condolences on your loss and our prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Haven & Peggy Haynes##imported-end##

December 31, 2011 at 12:36 AM



“ Dear Donald and Lorraine,
I am truly sorry for your loss. It wasn't too long ago that Raymond and I had a very long chat and I took away so much from our conversation. He is an inspiration to all and I know how very proud you are of him. What an amazing man...he will live on forever, in all of us that knew him.
Much sympathy to you and your family.
Dee Dee (Annis) Monahan##imported-begin##Dee Dee Monahan##imported-end##

December 30, 2011 at 11:01 PM



“ Katrina and Raymond's family My sincere condolences to all of you. he was a great guy. Quite a few times , we met him in St. Johnsbury on his motorcycle. Thinking of you.##imported-begin##Denise Carrier##imported-end##

December 30, 2011 at 09:17 PM



“ My condolences to Raymonds family and many friends. I will always remember he and Mike Hughes at Riverside Speedway. They were a team and best friends. It was great that Mike took Raymond to Daytona for NASCAR. He was very young to leave us but the time that he was here he lived a good life. Godspeed Raymond!!##imported-begin##Min Kennett##imported-end##

December 30, 2011 at 08:55 PM



“ We will miss riding with you Raymond. We lost you far too soon. We love you and we will never forget.##imported-begin##Bill and Liz Carney##imported-end##

December 30, 2011 at 08:28 PM



“ Katrina, C.J., Donnie & Lorraine, Roger, Julie, Jake, Josie & Lacey, Ricky & Georgette, Richard, Holli & Melissa....and all the family & friends....Raymond was truly one of a kind. The cancer may have won over his body, but never beat his spirit. He made this world and all of our lives better for having had him in it.##imported-begin##Lisa Cheney##imported-end##

December 30, 2011 at 07:00 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss Lorraine and Donnie. My heart aches for you and the family. Sure sounds like he was one heck of a nice guy. Just keep the good memories in your mind. Take Care.##imported-begin##Sherry Ladd Fish##imported-end##

December 30, 2011 at 05:24 PM



“ Katrina, C.J., Raymonds whole family, My heart felt thoughts go to you all. He was such a great man, was my neighbor for awhile. Raymond you will be missed by many, Resting where no shadows fall. In peaceful sleep he awaits us all. God will link the broken chaine, when one by one we meet again. love Judy B.##imported-begin##Judy Boutin##imported-end##

December 30, 2011 at 03:44 PM



“ Raymond was the best friend anyone could ever have had. He loved his family and friends so much, always giving and caring for other people. His laughter was contagious and his memory will forever be with us.##imported-begin##Michael Hughes##imported-end##

December 30, 2011 at 03:32 PM



“ raymond was a good man.always spoke or waved when passing by.i am deeply sorry you folks had to go through this and watch raymond suffer.please take comfort in knowing wherever raymond is now he is doing good things and no longer suffering.##imported-begin##dan cass##imported-end##

December 30, 2011 at 02:27 PM