



Reona Hartlen

August 3, 1944 - April 17, 2024

COLEBROOK – Reona J Hartlen, 79, of Colebrook, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, April 17, 2024, at the Coös County Nursing Hospital in West Stewartstown, with her close family by her side hours before her passing.

Reona was born in West Stewartstown on August 3, 1944, the first daughter of Evelyn and Kelsea Hartlen.

She was well known for her unique beehive hairstyle, her sense of humor, her big heart and love of flower gardening. She had a huge collection of ceramic and pewter dragons, which she displayed with pride in her home. Reona was also known for her fabulous cooking, especially her “Famous” mashed potatoes, homemade baked beans and cinnamon rolls.

In her younger years, she worked at the Wilderness Restaurant making homemade donuts and pastries, as well as waitressing at the Colebrook Restaurant (known in the day as the “Beer Parlor”).

After ending her career at the Colebrook Restaurant, she went to work at Tillotson Rubber Company for more than 30 years. Once the rubber company closed its doors, Reona went to work for Granite State Independent Living (GSIL), from which she retired ten years later to take care of the love of her life, Lyford Parker Sr.

Reona was known as a social butterfly, no matter where she went. She would host large parties for family and friends, where she always had a Kahlua Sombrero drink in her hand. She was often heard saying, “The loneliest sound in the world,” referring to the sound her straw made when she reached the end of her drink.

She enjoyed riding her Honda Silver Wing motorcycle with Lyford and several friends.

Reona is survived by one daughter, Amanda Parker, and favorite grandson Dagan Parker; five siblings—Donald (Rita) Hartlen, Patty (Tink) Clark, Juanita “Peanut” (Richard) Eastman, Judy (Luc Riendeau) Reynolds, and Michelle (Pete) Lassonde; a step-daughter and special friend, Tamie Marsh (Brian Ladd); two granddaughters, Rhiannon Wilkie (and great-grandchildren, Dawson, Deniyah, Anesha and Collin), and Collette (Todd Martel and Leahana Haynes) Marsh, who she lovingly referred to as “my favorite granddaughter”; a step-son, Lyford Parker Jr.; as well as many nieces, nephews, and friends, including her very special and dear friend, Harvey “Slugger” (Kathi) Raymond.

She was predeceased by both parents, her sister Debbie Bickford, and two step-children, Tim Parker and Tina “Tweety” Parker; and in 2020, the love of her life for more than 44 years, Lyford Parker Sr.

At Reona’s request, there will be no services. She will be privately interred in the Colebrook Village Cemetery.

Expressions of sympathy in memory of Reona, and her sister Debbie Bickford, may be made to the Two Rivers Relief for Cancer, P.O. Box 376, Colebrook,

NH 03576.

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

Arrangements have been 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

Tribute Wall

CR

“ With sympathy to Reona's extended family for their loss of a giving and outgoing lady.

Cynthia Roy - May 13, 2024 at 09:02 PM

BM

“ Becky Masters lit a candle in memory of Reona Hartlen



Becky Masters - April 26, 2024 at 08:31 AM

JG

“ I am sorry to hear of Reona's passing. I can still hear her laugh. She was a great lady. Condolences to all of the family up north. I know a lot of people will miss her.

Jill Gadwah - April 20, 2024 at 10:19 PM

JL

“ I remember Reona, when she was our neighbor, at Herbert's, but I will always remember her beehive, and her laugh. My thoughts and prayers go out to Amanda, Dagan and the rest of her family. You can rest easy knowing she is with the love of her life now.

Julie Ladd - April 19, 2024 at 09:31 PM



“ One of my favorite co-workers at Tilly, was always happy with a big smile! She was a person who brightened the world for everyone around her! My heart goes out to her family! Her passion for miniature roses I will never forget!



Janet Hart - April 19, 2024 at 08:46 PM

DB

“ Debbie Bedard lit a candle in memory of Reona Hartlen



Debbie Bedard - April 19, 2024 at 07:28 PM

EG

“ Eva Guy lit a candle in memory of Reona Hartlen



Eva Guy - April 19, 2024 at 05:47 PM

EG

She was a wonderful, happy person with a huge heart full of love. She will be missed by all.

Eva Guy - April 19, 2024 at 05:48 PM

JO

“ Reona was always full of life and laughter She always looked so elegant 💕💕

Jolen - April 19, 2024 at 05:18 PM

SH

“ Reona was a very special person and those who knew her loved her. Loved when they hosted a party or cookout, her Beans were the best. May you be with the love of your life Lyford. You will be missed.

Susan Hebert - April 19, 2024 at 03:58 PM

JC

“ I always enjoyed spending time with Reona. She was a pleasure to be around and always had a great sense of humor. Rest in peace, my friend. Keeping all of her family in my thoughts and prayers.



Jan Corliss - April 19, 2024 at 02:48 PM



“ Helen Daudelin lit a candle in memory of Reona Hartlen



Helen Daudelin - April 19, 2024 at 02:36 PM