



## Rita B. Cross

September 10, 1925 - June 28, 2016

KNOXVILLE, TENN. – Rita B. Cross, 90, formerly of Colebrook, passed away peacefully on June 28, 2016. At the time of her death she was residing with her son and daughter-in-law in their Knoxville, Tenn., home, where she had many new and wonderful friends and acquaintances.

Rita was born on Sept. 10, 1925, in Norton, Vt., a daughter of the late Alphonse and Antoinette (Devost) Brissette.

For the majority of her life, Rita was a resident of her beloved north country and was an integral part of its community and business life. She had an unwavering faith in God and was a main stay in the life of St Brendan's Church and the Catholic women of the parish.

She is survived by her three children: Ronald and Judith Cross of Knoxville, Tenn., Norma and Mike Blake of Concord, NH, and Helen Linnell of Canaan, Vt.; her grandchildren, Daniel Cross, Amy Flannary, Stefanie Drame, Kristen Smith, Marie Wotton and Mark Linnell. Additionally Rita was blessed by many great and great-great grandchildren, who provided much joy in her life. She is also survived by her brothers Francis Brissette and wife, Barbara, of Floresville, Tex., Andrew Brissette and wife, Cathy, of Ortonville, Mich., as well as her sisters-in-law Pearl Brissette and Grace Lehoux.

Rita is predeceased by her husband, of sixty years, Holman, as well as two older brothers, Dolphis and Bernie Brissette.

A memorial Mass will be held in Knoxville, Tenn., and per her request, a funeral Mass and burial in Colebrook will follow at a later date, at the convenience of the family, of which notice will be given.

Rita was a devotee to the Mysteries of the Holy Rosary, and in lieu of flowers the family asks that those who are Catholic pray the rosary every day for the next month, and those who are not to say a daily prayer, both in intercession for world peace.

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 in Colebrook.

# Cemetery Details

## **Colebrook Village Cemetery**

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

# Tribute Wall

DD

“ Our heartfelt condolences go out to Rita's extended family. She will be long remembered by her Devost cousins as one of the energetic organizers of the Devost family reunions celebrated over the years at Jackson's Lodge in Wallace Pond that left us all with warm memories.

*Donald and Larisa Devost  
Burlington, Vermont*

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**Donald T. Devost** - July 27, 2016 at 10:11 AM

DB

“ We are very sorry to hear of your Mom Rita's passing. We had a lot of good times with her in Colebrook when we visited her. She was a great lady and very pleasant to talk with. We ate many a meal with her at local restaurants and at her home. We missed her a lot when she to Tennessee. Our sincere sympathies to all her family. We will not forget her. Donald and Dottie Bressette, Eastford, CT.

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**Donald and Dottie Bressette** - July 12, 2016 at 02:35 PM

EP

“ Ronnie, Judy and other family members,  
I was very sorry to hear of Rita's passing.  
I remember her well and always enjoyed visiting with her when we would meet. I will look forward to seeing you if you come North for Rita's Mass here in Colebrook  
Sending condolences. Ellie Pearson

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**Ellie Pearson** - July 07, 2016 at 07:23 PM

BC

“ My dearest cousins, Ronnie Norma, Helen. I am so sorry to hear of auntie Rita's passing. I stopped at the cemetery last week and had a good visit with dad And uncle Holman. I do miss them so. Lots of memories. Love you all. Love Bobbie

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**bobbie cross** - July 04, 2016 at 03:38 PM

JD

“ We are sorry about Rita's passing. She was a caring, kind, smart and devoted lady. She was a good listener, and was very easy to talk with. Joeng was very pleased to be able to visit with her when she came to visit the Catholic Woman's Club last year. The members really enjoyed her presence. Rita was a very devoted Catholic and member of the Club. We will miss her but we have good memories of her. Rita will be in our prayers. Joeng & Mike Divney

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**Joeng and Mike Divney** - July 02, 2016 at 09:04 PM

MW

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**Marie Wotton** - July 02, 2016 at 06:45 PM

LK

“ We are sorry to hear of Rita's passing. When she and Nate were together, we always enjoyed visiting with them.

*Patty and Les Klinefelter*

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**Les Klinefelter** - July 02, 2016 at 05:08 AM

BS

“ I am sorry to hear of your loss. Rita and Holman were always very kind to me. And--she made a fabulous graham cracker cream pie!!

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**Bonnie Stevenson** - July 01, 2016 at 03:50 PM

ER

“ Ronnie, Norma, and Helen,  
Our families were connected by many Diamond Pond activities and adventures over the years. Your Mom will be sadly missed but the many memories will live on. Our sincere condolences, E. H., Cindy, and Millie Roy

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**E. H. Roy** - June 30, 2016 at 08:01 AM

MW

Thank-you, Diamond Pond has many memories for many generations

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**Marie Wotton** - July 02, 2016 at 06:35 PM

JB

“ I am so very sorry for your loss.



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**Judy Hunt Budge** - June 30, 2016 at 04:12 AM

FR

“ We are very sorry for your loss. Francine and Andre Champagne

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**Francine** - June 29, 2016 at 03:36 PM

GL

“ *We are so sorry for your loss!*

*Gilles and Priscilla Lambert*

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**Gilles and Priscilla Lambert** - June 29, 2016 at 12:40 PM