



Rita M. Griffin

December 26, 1939 - February 6, 2013

PITTSBURG, NH—Mrs. Rita M. Griffin, 73, of Pittsburg, NH, passed away at the Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital in Colebrook on Wednesday evening, Feb. 6, 2013, surrounded by her loving family.

She was born in Woodstock, Vt., on Dec. 26, 1939, a daughter to the late Elba and Lucy (Rogers) Jillson. She was raised and educated in Vermont.

Rita was a beloved school lunch cook in the Pittsburg school for 18 years. She was also well known locally as a talented cook who was always making something for a community event, or to help the Pittsburg Ridgerunners at their clubhouse. She was a lover of crafts and knitting, and she was always busy doing things to help others. Rita also loved her morning walks with the group of her friends known as the Pittsburg Roadrunners.

She is survived by her loving husband of more than 30 years, Wayne R. Griffin of Pittsburg, NH; her daughter, Jane Barcomb and husband James of Halifax, Vt.; two sons, John Coleman and wife Cheryl of Missouri, and Joseph Coleman and wife Bonnie of Lyndeborough, NH; a step-son, Mark Griffin of Florida; a step-daughter, Christine West and husband Marlin of South Dakota; her brother, Nelson Jillson and wife Marilyn of Dummerston, Vt.; three sisters, Lucinda Adams of Springfield, Vt., Janice Jillson of New Mexico, and Nancy Dulac of Barre, Vt.; thirteen grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Rita is preceded in death by her first husband, James F. Coleman in 1974; and a son, Jeffrey Coleman in 1990.

There will be no public calling hours. A memorial service will be held on, Friday, Feb. 22, at 11 a.m., at the Farnham Memorial United Methodist Church in Pittsburg, NH, with The Rev. Paula Fletcher officiating. An interment service will occur at a later date at the West Halifax Cemetery in Halifax, Vt.

Expressions of sympathy in memory of Rita 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.

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

Tribute Wall



“ With a very heavy heart I send my condolence. A couple of months ago I received a very special Christmas card from Rita. She was a very kind, loving niece and very special to me. My deepest sympathy to her family and may God be with you.##imported-begin##Aunt Eunice Moheit##imported-end##

February 21, 2013 at 03:39 PM



“ Rita was my aunt and she was one of the strongest people I have ever met. Forever giving- she will be greatly missed.##imported-begin##Bonnie Jillson##imported-end##

February 20, 2013 at 10:23 PM



“ With Deepest Sympathy to Wayne and family. Rita was a lovely lady.##imported-begin##Margaret and Gwyn Keepence##imported-end##

February 20, 2013 at 10:16 AM



“ Wayne, so very sorry for your loss, time has passed so quickly seems only yesterday we all were hanging around Gray's Corner.##imported-begin##Peter & Deborah Dimmitt##imported-end##

February 18, 2013 at 08:25 PM



“ Our prayers & thoughts are with you in the lost of your Mom. Ed & Yogi##imported-begin##Ed & Yogi Poulin##imported-end##

February 14, 2013 at 06:22 PM



“ Wayne our deepest sympathy to you and your family. We were so sorry to hear of your loss. Our hearts are with you.##imported-begin##John & Keely Tivey##imported-end##

February 12, 2013 at 09:39 PM



“ Please accept my deepest sympathy. May those precious memories be foremost in your hearts and minds during this time of grief and pain.
(Isaiah 25:8)##imported-begin##A. Jackson##imported-end##

February 11, 2013 at 11:30 AM



“ From the time we were teenagers, Rita was the sister I didn't have. Though we lived almost a continent apart most of our adult lives, miles didn't separate us. How I will miss those daily chats. The memories we shared live on. You know your assignment, Rita - send me the lowdown on LTE!##imported-begin##Cynthia Brown Hilliard##imported-end##

February 10, 2013 at 06:20 AM



“ So sorry for your loss. I remember Rita from working at the Canaan school. She was a great cook. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Keith and Billie Brockney##imported-begin##*Keith and Billie Brockney*##imported-end##

February 09, 2013 at 06:17 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy to all of Rita's family and friends.##imported-begin##*Brenda (Dionne) Buccheri*##imported-end##

February 09, 2013 at 12:07 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy Wayne to you and your family, really enjoyed our walks everyday and her great cooking, she was wonderful person and will be sadly missed##imported-begin##*Alice and Doug Lyons*##imported-end##

February 09, 2013 at 08:49 AM



“ Tinker and I are so sorry to hear of Rita's passing. Our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family.##imported-begin##*Don and Linda Anderson*##imported-end##

February 08, 2013 at 07:23 PM



“ So sorry for your loss, I worked with her as an aid in the kitchen in high school, she cooked in canaan also. She was always very nice to us kids. god bless##imported-begin##*julie therrien-spurling*##imported-end##

February 08, 2013 at 11:19 AM



“ God has a new volunteer in heaven. Pittsburg has lost a beautiful lady who will be missed by all. Rest in peace Rita.##imported-begin##Edna##imported-end##

February 08, 2013 at 10:46 AM



“ It is with a heavy heart that we say "Good, bye" to our beloved friend. Rita's spirit, wonderful smile, and hugs will be sorely missed as well as her generosity and love for her community. May God and the angels welcome her. She'll always be in my heart.##imported-begin##Helga Ziegler##imported-end##

February 08, 2013 at 10:21 AM