



Robert L. Burrill

November 24, 1933 - April 27, 2014

COLEBROOK – Robert L. Burrill, 80, of Colebrook, passed away at his home on Sunday evening, April 27, 2014, after a long period of ill health and with his beloved family at his side.

Born in East Colebrook on Nov. 24, 1933, he was the son of the late Alton and Evelyn (Dingman) Burrill. He was raised on the family farm on Cree Road, and was a 1951 graduate of Colebrook Academy.

Following school, Bob worked for a period at the Bohanan Farm in Contoocook, NH. He was drafted into the U.S. Army and served from 1956-58 among occupation forces in Germany, and he later returned to the Bohanan Farm to work his way through college, eventually obtaining his a bachelor's degree from UNH. Bob returned to home after school, working various jobs lumbering and farming. He also chauffeured Neil & Louise Tillotson for a period of time, worked in real estate, and became a land surveyor.

Half-way through one school year, the vocational arts teacher left Colebrook Academy, and Bob was enticed to take that teaching job. He started immediately, obtained his teaching credentials and remained as one of Colebrook Academy's most beloved faculty members for the next 26 years, retiring in 1994. He was an award-winning advisor to the Local FFA (Future Farmers of America), and chaperoned many convention trips to Kansas City

with his students. In that capacity, he was nominated at one time by the national FFA board of directors to receive the national "Honorary Farm Degree." He was also a mentor to many of his students, many of whom maintained their friendship.

Bob was a member of the Trinity United Methodist Church, and was a 65-year member of the Mohawk Grange #217.

Bob is survived by his wife of more than 38 years, Yvonne (Poulin) Burrill of Colebrook; his son, Brian Burrill of Colebrook; his sister, Shirley Stuart and husband Zane of Hooksett, NH; a grandson, Nicholas Burrill; and a sister-in-law, Jane Burrill of Herkimer, NY; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by a brother, R. Keith Burrill.

Calling hours will be on Thursday, May 1, 2014, from 2-4 & 6-8 p.m. at the Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home in Colebrook, NH. A funeral will be held at 11 a.m. on Fri., May 2, at 11 a.m. at the Trinity United Methodist Church in Colebrook with The Rev. Paula Fletcher officiating. A committal service with military honors will be later in the spring at St. Brendan's Cemetery.

Expressions of sympathy in memory of Mr. Burrill may be made to the Canaan FFA program, c/o Deb Lynch at CMHS, 99 School St., Canaan, VT 05903.

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

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

Cemetery Details

St. Brendan's Catholic Cemetery

South Main Street
Colebrook, NH

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 1. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home
103 Main Street
Colebrook, NH 03576
(603) 237-4311
info@jenkinsnewman.com

Visitation

MAY 1. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

MM

“ *Just a little while longer. Psalms 37:10,11 learn more at www.jw.org*

Michael Marbury - July 10, 2014 at 07:36 AM

JF

“ *We are very sorry for you loss. Dick Brady and Julie*

Julie Fournier - May 02, 2014 at 09:47 AM

BW

“ *Our thoughts & prayers are with all the Burrill Family. Robert was a wonderful neighbor and a friend. He was always ready to give a helping hand, no matter what you needed. He will be missed by everyone who knew him. Bill & Pauline Weir*

Bill & Pauline Weir - May 01, 2014 at 01:23 PM

NP

“ *Dear Yvonne and Brian, I'm so sorry for your loss, Mr Burrill was a very special person and my prayers are with you during this most difficult time.*

Nicole Paier-Mullan - May 01, 2014 at 12:14 PM

JB

“ *My deepest sympathy to the Burrill family. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

Judy Hunt Budge - May 01, 2014 at 08:57 AM

LF

“ My sympathies for your family. I grew up with the Burrill family. Shirley and I were great friends and still are. Please know I am sorry for the loss of your husband, father and brother. Lillian

Lillian ForbesThibeault - May 01, 2014 at 08:42 AM

HH

“ Yvonne and Brian our deepest condolences to you on your loss. Mr. Burrill as he has always been known to me since high school taught a lot to those of us who were FFA members through the years. Everything he did with us taught us something that we carry with us throughout our lives. We are all better off for having known him.

Haven & Peggy Haynes - May 01, 2014 at 01:31 AM

CH

“ Yvonne and family,
The Roys have always admired Bob and his attributes and sincere dedication to the FFA. Of course recognition to all his endeavors is well deserved. His part in the Ski-Bees is especially memorable to our family. We share the expressions of sympathy from all who knew him and admired him. A true loss but a legend of great example to all who knew and were touched by him, will survive.
Cindy Roy Hood and Mildred Roy

Cindy Hood - April 30, 2014 at 04:59 PM

BD

“ Dear Yvonne, Brian and family my sincere sympathy for your loss. Bob was a teacher and go getter and he will be missed.he is now at peace and reuniting with others before him. may god be with you as you move forward. Barbara and Joe Daley.

Barbara Daley - April 30, 2014 at 12:16 PM

DJ

“ Mr. Burrill as I will always remember him, not only taught from the books but added the hands on approach and cared about his students. We were always in good hands at the sugar lot or in Kansas City. My sincere condolences to the family.
Dennis Johnson

Dennis Johnson - April 30, 2014 at 10:48 AM

CF

“ Yvonne & Family. I am listening to "Fly Like A Bird" with faith that Bob's soul is soaring and free.

Christine Charman Fothergill - April 30, 2014 at 09:24 AM

JD

“ Yvonne and Brian, we want to offer our condolences to you. Bob was a very good man and he will always be in our prayers and memory. He was one of the most dedicated teachers and leaders of our youth at CA. He will be missed. Joeng and Mike Divney

Joeng and Mike Divney - April 29, 2014 at 03:28 PM

JB

“ Yvonne, Brian and family, so sorry for your loss, our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Josey and Debbie--We love you!

Josey & Debbie Bedard - April 29, 2014 at 02:26 PM

SB

“ Yvonne and family - Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Bob was a nice person. Sam and Joan Bird

Sam and Joan Bird - April 29, 2014 at 02:16 PM

GJ

“ Yvonne & BNrian - many thoughts and prayers at this sad time. Robert will always be remembered by both me and Mike, and Miuke was so glad to have had a chat with him the last time he was here.

Ginger Jannenga

Ginger Jannenga - April 29, 2014 at 11:00 AM

AB

“ Angel (Morgan) Brown lit a candle in memory of Robert L. Burrill



Angel (Morgan) Brown - April 28, 2014 at 08:34 PM

KC

“ My love to Aunt Yvonne, Brian and all family. Uncle Bob will be remembered by so many as a fine teacher of Agriculture at the high school. I will remember snowmobiling, farming and Saturday nights when you "kidsat" us, and so many other fond memories. Father said this weekend, "grieve, mourn and let your faith heal you". Rest in Peace Uncle Bob. Love Kim and family.



Kim and Dan Cotter - April 28, 2014 at 08:31 PM

RY

“ I had him for FFa and shop class he was a nice guy, he taught alot of kids how to make maple syrup up at the sugar shack, he will be missed

Richard Yost - April 28, 2014 at 07:29 PM

AB

I'll never forget the days we spent in FFA Great mentor to all of us throughout the years. many many fond memories. My Condolence to Yvonne and Brian.

Angel (Morgan) Brown - April 28, 2014 at 08:32 PM

BV

“ We are so sorry to learn of Bob's passing. He was such a wonderful man, and well liked by all that knew him. He molded so many young minds, and set them on the path to success. My husband had him for Shop Class, as well as FFA. He has many fond memories of time spent with Bob. Our thoughts and prayers are with you; Yvonne and Brian.

*With Sincere Sympathy
Bob and Lisa Vashaw*

Bob and Lisa Vashaw - April 28, 2014 at 07:02 PM

CR

“ Our deepest sympathy to you Yvonne, Brian and family. Bob was a wonderful person and David speaks of him often. He will be missed by many.

Love David & Carol Rainville and family.

Carol & David Rainville - April 28, 2014 at 06:50 PM

GE

“ Aunt Yvonne & Brian & Extended Family Members:

I am so sorry to hear of the loss of Bob (Mr. Burrill to most of us) and wish to send my condolences to you. He was such a cutie and I still, to this day, can't believe that he "kicked me out" of FFA for being a distraction. It was so much fun for me to tease him. He will certainly be missed by many and I am so glad I got to spend a little time with him not too long ago. My love to you.

Georgie

Georgie - April 28, 2014 at 05:14 PM

JF

My condolences to the Burrill family. Bob and I went to the one room school in East Colebrook and grew up on nearby farms in the same time era. Bob did very well for himself and those around him befitted from knowing him. May he rest in peace that he deserves. John A. Forbes

John A. Forbes - April 29, 2014 at 08:07 AM

FC

“ *All our condolences to you Yvonne, your son, all the family and Robert's friends.*

Francine & Andre Champagne - April 28, 2014 at 04:46 PM

LO

*Yvonne and family, our thoughts and prayers are with all of you ,he contributed alot of time and effort to the FFA program and many students are better people because of him. He fought a hard battle and may be gone but never forgotten.
Lee & Monique Owen*

Lee & Monique Owen - May 01, 2014 at 03:35 PM