



## Robert W. Crawford

April 27, 1939 - December 22, 2015

COLEBROOK — Robert W. Crawford, 76, passed away early on Tuesday, Dec. 22, 2015, at the Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital in Colebrook, with his family by his side.

He was born in Pittsburg on April 27, 1939, a son to the late Orrie and Doris (Cook) Crawford. He attended schools in Pittsburg and Colebrook, and was a 1958 graduate of Colebrook Academy.

Bob began his working career as a traveling insurance salesman, then worked for a time at Ethan Allen. A bit later, he offered to help as a truck driver for two weeks on the construction crew building the Wilderness Ski Area for Neil Tillotson in the mid-60s. Fifteen years later, Bob left Tillotson Rubber to operate his own over-the-road trucking business for the next 18 years. He later worked for Wausau Carriers, went back to Tillotson Rubber for a period of time, and then worked in his retirement for Sheldon Gray and Bond Auto.

Bob loved outdoor activities, especially driving the back roads of the north country, fishing and being at camp on Lake Francis, snowmobiling, and he loved to visit over a cup of coffee with his friends and neighbors. He served his community as a member of the Colebrook Fire Department for more than 20 years. Bob was close to his family and grandchildren, and enjoyed having them nearby.

He leaves behind a daughter, Laurie Howe of Colebrook; a son, Ronnie Crawford and fiancée, Pam Riendeau Jones, of Shippensburg, Penn.; a brother, Edwin Crawford and his wife Jean of Colebrook; a sister, Ellen Finley and husband John of Colorado; eight grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren; and his long-time companion, Carol Perkins of Columbia.

Robert is preceded in death by his loving wife of 41 years, Alice (Gould) Crawford in 2001, and a son, Michael Crawford in 2008.

Calling hours will be on Sunday, Dec. 27, 2015, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home in Colebrook. A graveside service and burial will occur at a later date in the spring of 2016 in the Colebrook Village Cemetery, of which notice will be given.

Expressions of sympathy in memory of Mr. Crawford may be made to a charity of one's choice.

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, Colebrook, NH.

# Cemetery Details

## Colebrook Village Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 27. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall

CK

“ im dearly sorry for the rest of the family who knew Robert. I am his grand daughter and I didn't get to see him much. I saw him at Ioni's house at her sons birthday parties but that's it. I miss him soo much. and again I am sorry for the family.

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**Cheyenne Keyser** - February 16, 2016 at 09:10 AM

JF

“ Laurie and Ronnie - We are very sorry for your loss. We are just hearing about Robert passing away.

We have very fond memories of Robert and Alice. Mom likes to tell stories about them in school, getting into trouble! I always remember they were always so fun to visit when we would come up to Colebrook from Kentucky or North Carolina. Always a funny story or some good natured teasing.

We will be sure to attend the service in April. Thinking of you all..  
Jennifer & Shirley Furgerson

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**Jennifer Furgerson** - January 21, 2016 at 09:24 AM

BK

“ Sorry for your loss, my thoughts and Prayers are with you and your family.



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**Brenda Klebe** - December 30, 2015 at 11:08 AM

SS

“ Robert was a classmate and friend and we are so sorry to hear of his passing. We just saw him at our class reunion in September and did not realize he was so sick. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Zane & Shirley Burrill Stuart

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**Shirley Stuart** - December 29, 2015 at 05:21 PM

PG

“ I have gotten to know Robert since we had resided in adjacent apartments in Colebrook over the last year and a half. He was frequently out on the deck, and we struck up an acquaintance over time. I began to look forward to our short visits as one of us was either on our way in or out. He was always friendly, with a good sense of humor, and he remembered things and was thoughtful about them when we spoke. I regret that I didn't take the initiative to become better friends while I had the chance - I will miss him and want to express my sympathy to family and friends of his at this time.

Sincerely,  
Peter Gosline  
Interim CAO  
Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital

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**Peter Gosline** - December 29, 2015 at 08:48 AM

BD

“ to all of Bobs family so sorry to hear of your loss. know that he's at peace and with your mom now.

barbara and joe daley



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**barbara and joe daley** - December 28, 2015 at 03:26 PM

SC

“ Please accept our deepest sympathy, David & Suzanne Cook

Suzanne Cook - December 26, 2015 at 04:33 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert W. Crawford.



December 26, 2015 at 12:48 PM

LO

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all you on the loss of your Dad, grandfather, brother and friend. We were fortunate to have spent some time with him at our class reunion in late September sharing memories and a few laughs. He may be gone but never forgotten. Our Sympathies. Monique & Lee Owen (CA Class Of 1957)

Leon Owen - December 26, 2015 at 10:27 AM

HH

“ Our deepest condolences and prayers go out to the family on your loss.

Haven & Peggy Haynes - December 26, 2015 at 05:27 AM

DH

“ Our deepest sympathy to you and your family on the loss of your Dad. He was a great guy.

Love,  
Dick and Joni

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**Dick and Joni Hicks** - December 25, 2015 at 07:49 AM

CH

“ I was one of his grand daughters. He didn't spend a lot of time with me but when I did see him we talked. He truly was the greatest grandfather I have ever had. I just wish we could of spent more time together before he left us. I LOVE YOU PAPA ROBERT  
LOVE, your grand daughter, Cheyanne Keyser

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**cheyanne** - December 24, 2015 at 02:34 PM

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**cheyanne** - December 24, 2015 at 02:34 PM

JB

“ I am so very sorry to hear of Bob's passing.  
He was one of the good guys.



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**Judy Hunt Budge** - December 23, 2015 at 04:22 AM

DW

“ Laurie and Ronnie and families,  
I am so sorry to hear about Robert. I have many wonderful  
memories of our childhood including playing at your house. Both of  
your parents were so welcoming! Over the years, whenever I ran  
into your Dad, he always took the time to chat for a few minutes.  
May God hold you all in His loving arms until you see Robert again.  
Deb Cummings Wells

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**Deborah Wells** - December 22, 2015 at 04:54 PM

MB

“ Really going to miss his sense of humor. Bob always had a joke or  
something sarcastic to say everytime I would see him or even ask  
how my daughter was doing. He and Alice babysat my daughter  
when she was little up over the liquor store. They both seemed to  
really have a love for children. Thinking of all of you  
Michele Bolton

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**Michele Bolton** - December 22, 2015 at 03:30 PM

PH

“ Bob was our neighbor and I loved waving to him as he leaned over the railing with either a cup of coffee or a cigarette. He loved watching our little dog and tried to make friends with her many times. We enjoyed visiting with him and we are going to miss seeing him when when we are outside. Our sincere condolences to you all. You will be in our thoughts and prayers as you go through this difficult time. *Patty and Roland Hart*

**Patty Hart** - December 22, 2015 at 01:51 PM

WN

“ Our sincere condolences to Ronnie, Pam and all the Crawford family we are keeping you in our prayers.

**Walter & Suzelle Noyes** - December 22, 2015 at 12:47 PM

JM

“ Sorry for your loss. Sending my prayers to the family .

**Joanne Mathieu** - December 22, 2015 at 11:33 AM

FO

“ FRED / WANITA OSGOOD lit a candle in memory of Robert W. Crawford



**FRED / WANITA OSGOOD** - December 22, 2015 at 11:07 AM

FO

OUR HEART FELT CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF ROBERT CRAWFORD GOD BLESS!

**FRED / WANITA OSGOOD** - December 22, 2015 at 11:10 AM

SM

*Going to miss visiting with him. Went through 12 years of school with him and we were always best friends. My condolences to all of you.*  
*Sue Miller*

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**Sue Miller** - December 22, 2015 at 05:40 PM

CR

*Laurie and Ronnie,  
I have had the pleasure of knowing your father for some 40+ years. He and your mother were one of the first couples I met when I first came to Colebrook. Your mother took care of my kids when they were little and always enjoyed being a part of your family. Your father and I bantered back and forth and I would have thought he was mad at me if he didn't say something smart just to get me going. We had a great time and many laughs. He will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your families.*

*Celeste Riendeau*

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**Celeste Riendeau** - December 22, 2015 at 10:19 PM

DV

“*Sorry to hear of Bob's passing. I enjoyed working with him for many years at Tillotson and especially enjoyed he and Alice at company functions. His family has my sincere sympathy.*”

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**Don Vashaw** - December 22, 2015 at 11:01 AM