



Robert R. Hodge

July 30, 1941 - December 5, 2021

COLEBROOK – Robert Rollin Hodge, 80, passed away at the Androscoggin Valley Hospital in Berlin, surrounded by family, on Sunday evening, December 5, 2021, after a short illness.

He was born at his grandmother Bessie Hodge Eastman's home in Colebrook on July 30, 1941, to the late Rollin Hodge and Doris (Wright) Hodge Decker Wager. He attended the one room Whittemore School in East Colebrook and then Colebrook Academy, while still being on the family farm.

Robert started working at Stratford Plywood Mill for Allie Salls and then went to work at the Forbes Farm in East Colebrook. Robert operated a rip saw and glue wheel at Ethan Allen Factory in Beecher Falls. With never an idle moment, he also laid dynamite for Robert Shaw's construction with Bruce Grover and Gordon Smith. As a young man, he butchered for the local county farm for the residents' meals. He was a bit of a jack-of-all-trades and burned the candle at both ends as his family grew and he established a farm of his own. He filled a barn full of cows, but didn't quite make the dozen kids that he always wanted. He took great pride in teaching his children and grandchildren how to care for and grow their own food. He was kind and generous, especially with his garden produce. Robert enjoyed showing his children and grandchildren the art of farming while watching them grow. You would often see a twinkle in his eyes. He was happiest outdoors and liked going fishing on

the brook while spending time at camp playing cards with family. He always had a treat from the freezer for the children, no matter their age. After Sunday morning dump runs with Freeman, you would often see the familiar red pickup with Robert's signature white beard behind the wheel, traveling back roads to properties visiting with family and friends. On his 80th birthday, Robert got to dance the first dance, "It's a Heartache", with his sister Judith (Jude), his nickname for her; then continued on dancing until the music stopped. He loved music and kept the zest for life right to the end.

A well-known icon in the community as one of the last dairy farmers in Colebrook, Robert was the epitome of a generation of hardworking New England farmers that is rapidly disappearing. He will be remembered for his vocal opinions on local politics at Town Meeting every year. Robert would give the shirt off his back to help a fellow neighbor; no doubt there are countless stories that will be told at Mohawk Grange chicken pie suppers for years to come. He always liked to have people stop by the farm to reminisce and tell milk house stories. Many people cared for Robert and hold a special space in their heart from times shared with him. Our dad will be greatly missed by all of us.

He is survived by his children: Carol Hodge (late Larry), Lisa Mako (Gregory), Sally Jane Hodge (significant other Russell), David Hodge (Rebecca), Nathan Hodge, Faith Hodge (Job), Crystal Hodge (Andy), and Dawn Paul (Troy); by his sisters, Judith Tipton (Richard) and Jennifer Hodge (Mark); grandchildren, Karen, Bridgett, David, Cedric, Jesse, Hannah, Bryana, Garrett, Hale, Aurora, Austin and the late Bryan; and his great-grandchildren, Eli, Aurelina, Kayden, Kaylee, and Braelynn; numerous cousins, nieces and nephews; and Suzanne Piper, a close companion.

There are no public calling hours. A graveside interment will be held in the Colebrook Village Cemetery on Saturday, June 25, 2022, at 11 a.m.

Expressions of sympathy in memory of Robert may be made to the Mohawk Grange #217, c/o Treasurer Y. Burrill, Merrill St., Colebrook, NH 03576; or to the Coös Animal Sanctuary, P.O. Box 345, Colebrook, NH 03576 strictly for the kitties by Robert Hodge's orders.

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

Arrangements are entrusted to the care of Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Colebrook Village Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JUN 25. 11:00 AM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall

KB

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Karen Bunnell - May 06, 2025 at 05:29 AM

LB

“ Would like to exceed my sincere condolences to Suzanne and Jenny and the rest of Robert's family. I will always remember Robert with great fondness. He always brightened my day when he came to the pharmacy. Loved to listen to his antidotes. He will be missed.

Lynn Brewer - December 23, 2021 at 02:08 PM

VW

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. I enjoyed listening to George H., my uncle, tell me stories of your dad which were hilarious.

Veronica (Bacon) Wilder - December 22, 2021 at 11:19 AM

PF

“ We have come to know David and Garrett since we have been in Colebrook and value their friendship. We wish we had met Robert. Our deepest condolences to the family.

Peter and Janet Filaroski - December 20, 2021 at 05:59 PM

MR

“ Condolences to the Hodge family. Robert was one of the first people I met when I moved here. He was a great person and would do anything for anyone. RIP Robert you will be missed by so many people and your kitties.

Maureen Riberdy - December 17, 2021 at 03:13 PM

BW

“ Condolences to the Hodge family. Brad shares a memory of Robert raising dairy replacement heifers, and to this date, one of those cows is still providing milk for the farm. Rest In Peace, Robert Hodge.

Bradley and Monica White - December 15, 2021 at 08:24 AM

TF

“ My condolences to Roberts family, the mohawk valley will not be the same with out him! A great guy and a great family
Tom Frizzell

Tom Frizzell - December 15, 2021 at 05:00 AM

SB

“ Dave and Becky and family, Sad to hear about your father. Our prayers are with you. Sam and Joan

Sam and Joan Bird - December 13, 2021 at 08:29 PM

EB

“ Eric Brungot lit a candle in memory of Robert R. Hodge



Eric Brungot - December 13, 2021 at 08:39 AM

DF

“ I have known Bob since 1984. He was always a kind and giving neighbor. Every time he drove by he waved to those he knew. He was always busy in the Summer and Fall collecting hay from the fields. During this time, we enjoyed his visits. He will be sadly missed. Our condolences to the family.

Leigh and Debbie Flaherty

Deborah Flaherty - December 12, 2021 at 04:43 PM

ST

“ My condolences to my classmate Sally on the loss of your Dad. I remember fondly your birthday parties, spending time on the farm and the love you had for your father. God bless.

Stephanie J. Hughes-Cross



Stephanie - December 11, 2021 at 01:32 PM

SC

“ Stacey Campbell lit a candle in memory of Robert R. Hodge



Stacey Campbell - December 11, 2021 at 11:59 AM

JB

“ *My deepest condolences to the Hodge family. I am so sorry for your loss. He will certainly be missed by those that knew him.*



Judy Hunt Budge - December 11, 2021 at 08:40 AM

JF

“ *Thank you for the wonderful obituary. Small farms and participatory democracy founded this country. Robert would argue at Town and School Meetings, but if his side lost the vote, he would show no ill will whatsoever, and he was ready to move forward. As one of the moderators, I will miss not only his comments but his decorum and sense of fairness. I will also miss the big one armed waves from the red pickup. Many condolences to the family on your loss.*

Jonathan Frizzell - December 11, 2021 at 05:11 AM

BR

“ *My deepest sympathies to the family! I have many fond memories of my years on the farm! My thoughts are with you all! ❤️*

Brandy - December 10, 2021 at 08:57 PM

BP

“ *I will so miss my visits with Robert. I just loved his sense of humor! My thoughts are with his family. Rest in peace Robert.*

Brenda Puglisi - December 10, 2021 at 08:57 PM

DB

My Condolences to Robert's Family

Dennis Bryant - December 11, 2021 at 06:26 PM

JM

“ Dear Family I am sorry for your loss... RIP Robert

Joanne Mathieu - December 10, 2021 at 07:27 PM

FC

“ Our sympathy mostly to Sally witch we know and to all the family. from Andre & Francine Champagne



Francine & Andre Champagne - December 10, 2021 at 07:14 PM

BW

“ Bill & Pauline Weir lit a candle in memory of Robert R. Hodge



Bill & Pauline weir - December 10, 2021 at 07:11 PM

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Karen Bunnell - December 10, 2021 at 06:53 PM

SH

Pretty awson Faith

Sally Hodge - January 01, 2022 at 11:55 AM

SC

“ I was truly saddened to hear of Robert’s passing. My memories are of town meeting and chance encounters at the Transfer Station. Family members who wrote his obituary truly captured his essence. He will surely be missed by his family but also those of us on the fringes of his interests. Thank you for keeping us Selectmen on our toes Robert! The photo of big gruff Robert and that little kitten shows that soft side to a bigger than life local man.

Sue Collins

Sue Collins - December 10, 2021 at 06:33 PM



“ Our condolences to all of Robert’s family. We will miss seeing him on our walks!

Tom and Linda

Linda Yorke - December 10, 2021 at 06:10 PM

RG

“ Robert & Mary Grant lit a candle in memory of Robert R. Hodge



Robert & Mary Grant - December 10, 2021 at 06:05 PM

GJ

“ I will always think of Robert when I look out at my fields that he hayed for many years, and remember how he always waved when he went by, and the last time I ran into him at a Grange thing he gave me a hug. He will never be forgotten.

Ginger Jannenga

Ginger Jannenga - December 10, 2021 at 04:43 PM

JC

“ Jan Corliss lit a candle in memory of Robert R. Hodge



Jan Corliss - December 10, 2021 at 03:31 PM

TW

“ So sorry to hear of Robert's passing....my thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Tracy Wright - December 10, 2021 at 01:43 PM

LS

“ Lisa Skidgel lit a candle in memory of Robert R. Hodge



Lisa Skidgel - December 10, 2021 at 01:23 PM

LS

“ *My heart goes out to the Hodge family. I've always considered them lifelong neighbors no matter where we all ended up. I had many fun times spending the night at their house and swimming down in the Mohawk River with all the kids. Love to you all from your lifelong neighbor, Lisa (Cotnoir) Skidgel.*

Lisa Skidgel - December 10, 2021 at 01:23 PM

LL

My heart goings out to Robert,s family and I will always love uncle Robert and remember the all good time at farm .

Lindy Lombard - December 14, 2021 at 01:06 PM