



Roberta J. Covill

May 26, 1931 - August 24, 2025

PITTSBURG – Roberta June (Merrill) Covill, 94, passed away peacefully on Sunday, August 24, 2025, at the Coös County Nursing Hospital in West Stewartstown, N.H.

Born on May 26, 1931, in the village of Pittsburg, N.H., Roberta was the daughter of Willie (Pete) Merrill and Margaret (Berry) Merrill. She married Lindsey Covill on August 27, 1949. The couple went on to have three children who brought great joy to Roberta’s life with the births of six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Much of Roberta’s life was spent eagerly anticipating the next wedding, graduation, birth, anniversary, or Christmas that would bring her family together.

Roberta’s life was a happy one. She cherished her childhood on the farm with her parents and siblings, and later delighted in hunting, fishing, and exploring the outdoors in every season with the Covill boys and her sisters-in-law. Never wanting to be without a dancing partner at a wedding, “Berta” made sure to teach her boys how to waltz. Her years at the First Lake Dam were marked by the laughter of grandchildren and journeys that took her as far as the Grand Canyon, Alaska, and her mother’s ancestral home, Parrsboro, Nova Scotia. Even in her later years, Roberta embraced life fully, never turning down a walk in the woods, a breakfast with Nard and Katherine, or a family picnic, whether near or far.

Roberta's greatest joy was her family. She is survived by her children and their spouses: Dennis Covill and his wife, Jean; Deborah Cross and her husband, Dennis; and David Covill and his wife, Cheryl. She was a devoted grandmother to Sarah (Robert) Levasseur, Jason (Dawn) Covill, Daniel Covill (Lauren Howell), Beth (Dave) Glover, Denise (Craig) Estes, and Whitney (Victoria) Covill. Roberta is also survived by her in-laws, Fred Bumford, Katherine Covill, Bobby and Margaret Covill, Lesley Covell, and Linda Covill. Her love will live on through her great-grandchildren — Anderson, Lyndsey, Ethan, Elyana, Hayden, Juliet, Aonghus, and Grant.

She was welcomed into eternal rest by her husband, Lindsey Covill; her parents, Pete and Margaret Merrill; her siblings, Pearl, Gerald (Pat), Glenford (Bub), John, and Sharon.

Family and friends are invited to a celebration of Roberta's life and graveside committal service on Saturday, September 6, at 11:00 a.m. at the Hollow Cemetery on Hill Road, followed by a reception at the Community Hall.

The family wishes to thank daughter-in-law Cheryl, Julie Pariseau, and the staff at the Coös County Nursing Hospital for their compassion and care in Roberta's final years. Expressions of sympathy in memory of Roberta may be made to the Pittsburg Historical Society, P.O. Box 2, Pittsburg, NH 03592.

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 in Colebrook.

Cemetery Details

Pittsburg Hollow Cemetery

Hill Road
Pittsburg, NH

Previous Events

Graveside Memorial Service

SEP 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

Pittsburg Hollow Cemetery
Hill Road
Pittsburg, NH

Tribute Wall

LC

“ A great loss to a beautiful and caring family! Roberta was a sweetheart, always smiling and a true candle in the community. Lainie C.



Lainie Castine - September 06, 2025 at 08:01 AM

IC

“ Sorry for your family’s loss. Roberta was a wonderful lady. I always enjoyed seeing her, when I went to visit my mom at CCNH.

Inger Cye - September 02, 2025 at 07:20 PM

BE

“ We are extremely sorry to hear of Roberta's passing. We were able to get to know her in her later years and to enjoy having breakfast and great conversations with her once a week. Breakfast get togethers haven't been the same without her. Condolences to the entire family. Beverly & Wayne Dorman



Beverly - August 29, 2025 at 09:03 PM

AG

“ Our sympathy to all of Roberta's family and friends. She was a gentle, sweet lady with a contagious smile. We are praying that you all find comfort in your many happy memories. Lindsey and Ann

Ann Gray - August 27, 2025 at 09:04 AM

BP

“ *Brenda Puglisi lit a candle in memory of Roberta J. Covill*



Brenda Puglisi - August 26, 2025 at 07:10 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Roberta J. Covill.*



August 26, 2025 at 04:18 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Roberta J. Covill.*

August 26, 2025 at 04:18 PM

PL

“ *So very sorry for your loss!*

Priscilla Lambert - August 26, 2025 at 11:59 AM

JC

“ *Jan Corliss lit a candle in memory of Roberta J. Covill*



jan Corliss - August 26, 2025 at 11:32 AM

RF

“ Louise and I want to send our prayers and love to Deborah and all her family over the recent loss of her Mom. Roberta was a great part of the Merrill and Covill families that made Pittsburg and the area such a great place to live. I remember as a pastor going to Pittsburg High School graduations and been amazed how the whole town would turn out! I know she meant so much to Deborah Dennis Denise Craig and Grant! Roberta will make heaven even better!

Peace and Love,
Rev. Curt and Louise Fuller

Rev. Curt D. Fuller - August 25, 2025 at 07:01 PM

MW

“ Loved to see the reference to breakfast with Bernard and Katherine. I waited on them at Dube's many, many times over the years. Such kind people. Sorry for the family's loss. - Melanie (Gray) Williams

Melanie Williams - August 25, 2025 at 05:05 PM

LC

“ I am so sorry she was a great lady

Linda clogston - August 25, 2025 at 04:58 PM