



## Roger A. Mathieu

December 4, 1951 - December 23, 2010

CANAAN, VT -- Mr. Roger A. Mathieu, 59, of Canaan, Vt., passed away on Thursday morning, December 23, 2010, at his son's residence in Newport, Vt., with his loving family at his side after a courageous battle with cancer.

He was born on December 4, 1951, in West Stewartstown, a son of the late George and Marcelle (Cote) Mathieu. Roger was a life-long resident of Canaan, and he graduated from Canaan Memorial High School in 1971.

Roger was a loving father and grandfather, and a friend to everyone. He was known to his grandchildren and friends as "Grumpy" and "Bumpy." He worked for the Beecher Falls Division of Ethan Allen for more than 30 years, and more recently had driven the Norton-Canaan route for the local school bus. He was also a familiar face at Paul Cote's Canaan Gulf station.

He loved to play golf, and he loved to be of help to anyone who needed it. Roger's sense of humor will be missed by all those who knew and loved him.

He leaves behind his three children, Michael Mathieu and wife Tonya of Newport, Vt., Tonia Mathieu and fiancé Paul Reid of Penacook, NH, and Rachel Shannon and fiancé Joel Treamer of Groveton, NH; his four siblings, Theresa Cole and husband Bob of New Brunswick, Canada, Suzanne Pare and husband Rock of Mt. Airy, Md., Carmen Domanico and partner Charlene Houle Bryant of Mt. Airy, and Richard Mathieu of Colebrook; nine

grandchildren, Kyle and Kaycee Shannon, Jenna, Jaelynn and Jourdan Treamer, Samantha and Tyler Fortin, and Patricia and Andrew Mathieu; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Calling hours will be held on Tuesday, December 28, 2010, from 2-4 & 7-9 p.m. at the Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home in Colebrook, NH. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Wednesday, December 29, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Albert's Catholic Church in West Stewartstown with The Rev. Craig Cheney as celebrant. Interment will be in the spring at St. Albert's Cemetery in West Stewartstown.

Expressions of sympathy in memory of Mr. Mathieu may be made to the Two Rivers Ride for Cancer, c/o Rosemary Mulliken at the 1st Colebrook Bank, 132 Main St., Colebrook, NH 03576.

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.

# Tribute Wall

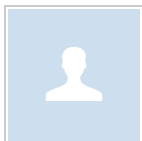


“ To Roger's family:

*We are saddened by this terrible loss in our community. I was in school with Roger in Canaan and he always treated me very well. He was an upper classman who treated everyone with respect. As a customer of ours at Lazerworks, he was one of the best. We will miss him very much!!##imported-begin##Beno & Karen Lamontagne##imported-end##*

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December 31, 2010 at 08:56 PM



“ Tonya, Rachel, and Mike I was very saddened to hear of your father's passing. He was a very kind and gentle man and I loved him very much. You were all truly blessed to have such a devoted father and friend.##imported-begin##Jill Marie Instasi##imported-end##

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December 30, 2010 at 03:58 PM



“ We want to convey our deepest condolences to the family, friends & relatives. Life doesn't seem fair at times. God's plan is hard to understand and hard to accept..  
We have found memories of Roger and he will never be forgotten. His Mom and Dad awaits him in the Paradise of Heaven.

*Maurice & Laurianne Robert##imported-begin##Maurice and Laurianne Robert##imported-end##*

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December 29, 2010 at 09:38 AM



“ May you be comforted by the love that surrounds you by your family and friends during this difficult time. Tonia, Rachel and Mike - you are wonderful children who took care of their wonderful and fabulous father when he needed you most. You too have earned your place in Heaven as well. He will never leave you - he's always there for you. Love always, Shanna, Shane & Family##imported-begin##Shane & Shanna (Brungot) Caron##imported-end##

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December 28, 2010 at 04:56 PM



“ Chers Susanne, Carmen, Richard, ainsi que toute votre famille. C'est avec tristesse que nous avons appris le décès de notre cousin Roger. Il était pour vous, un frère, un père, un grand père et nous savons qu'il occupait une grande place dans votre coeur, c'est toujours pénible de perdre un être cher. C'est pourquoi, nous tenons à vous offrir toute notre sympathie, nous sommes de tout coeur avec vous et nous vous souhaitons tout le courage nécessaire pour traverser cette épreuve. Avec toute notre affection! Vos cousines de Montréal: Nicole, Diane, Réjeanne, Manon, Lise et Josée##imported-begin##Nicole Desharnais##imported-end##

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December 28, 2010 at 03:52 PM



“ Roger will definately be missed by all. His smile and sense of humor will be missed by all. Tonia, Rachel and Mike, you all did a wonderful job taking care of your dad...you should be proud of yourselves and i'm sure you dad is too. He's now "bowling" the big league up there. Take Care..##imported-begin##Michele Gosselin##imported-end##

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December 28, 2010 at 01:57 PM



“ Voici l'annonce du décès de Roger Mathieu. Merci de l'imprimer bonne journée!##imported-begin##nathaliecote5@hotmail.com##imported-end##

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December 28, 2010 at 11:37 AM



“ Suzanne, Carmen and Richard, I am so shocked to hear about your brother passing away. It seemed it was only yesterday when I babysat for you guys while your mother worked at the Spa Restaurant and your dad worked overtime at Ethan Allen. I remember how as a kid, Roger loved watching Hockey games on TV. So that year for Christmas I bought him a hockey stick and a puck. Your mother wasn't very happy but she let him keep it as long as he promised not to use it in the house! He was thrilled! He also loved to play pranks on you and it looks like his sense of humor was past on to the next generation. I know you will miss him very much and my heart goes out to you. I want to express my deepest and heartfelt sympathy to you, and to his children and to your whole family  
RIP Roger, you fought a brave battle!##imported-begin##Dolores (Guay) Jackson##imported-end##

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December 28, 2010 at 10:09 AM



“ To Rogers three hearts may you all be blessed with his kindness and loved he showed everyone. Look to each other with the same respect he taught you. When in need look in the mirror and he is there with you. For you are Rogers children well loved and blessed to have such a beautiful man as your Dad.##imported-begin##CHB##imported-end##

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December 27, 2010 at 09:00 PM

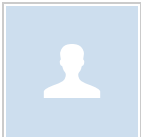


“ We have lost a wonderful man. He will be thought of everyday. He will be greatly missed. To his family in such a hard time:

*“You can shed tears that he is gone,  
or you can smile because he has lived.  
You can close your eyes and pray that he'll come back,  
or you can open your eyes and see all he's left.  
Your heart can be empty because you can't see him,  
or you can be full of the love you shared.  
You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday,  
or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.  
You can remember him only that he is gone,  
or you can cherish his memory and let it live on.  
You can cry and close your mind,  
be empty and turn your back.  
Or you can do what he'd want:  
smile, open your eyes, love and go on.”*  
*-David Harkins-##imported-begin##Lisa and Kristopher  
Phillips##imported-end##*

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December 27, 2010 at 07:54 PM



“ My deepest condolences Tonia, Rachel and Mike. I know that you were very close with your father and will miss him very much. Try to focus on all the happy memories and keep those fresh in your heart. I remember your Dad's big smile and silly laugh, I am sure he is smiling down on you now. Thinking of you. Kim.##imported-begin##Kim Silva (Riendeau)##imported-end##

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December 27, 2010 at 07:02 PM



“ Mon oncle Roger,

*This just doesn't seem real. I've tried and tried to wake up from this nasty nightmare of you having cancer. I understand this is a part of life, but NEVER did I expect to lose an uncle this young. I just don't understand. God certainly chose a perfect angel when he chose you. Since April, you've been on my mind from the second I opened my eyes to the minute I fell asleep. You have been such a huge part of my life; like my 2nd dad. You mean the world to me. I feel so lucky to have had such a close relationship with you. God has blessed me with the best uncle a niece could ask for. Thank you for sharing your life w/me. I have so many memories with you. You biting my chin until I cried for you to stop, flicking ears, fingers in faces, turning car seat warmers on when it's 80 degrees outside (in other words; your sense of humor & enjoyment of picking on people). I think that is one of my fav memories of being so close to you. You picking on me that I was going to "pee school". All the times you traveled to Rutland or afar w/mom to see my basketball games... TY so much. And the endless oil changes and tire reotations you did for me. All the times you let us kids come over to play or just hang out. I could go on & on. TY so much for everything & for being such a great uncle. I could go to you for anything and never had to 2nd guess myself. You definitely fought a tough battle Mon oncle. I'm very proud of you. Never have I been ashamed to admit I know you, let alone that I'm related to you, but today & forever, I am very proud to say that you're my uncle, the one who fought with all his might to beat that nasty disease. Bad or good news, you never gave up. You stuck with that Mathieu attitude & gave it all you had. Even with all the pain you were in; you're amazing Mon oncle, simply amazing!! The family is very grateful that you fought w/all you had & gave us some time to be w/you before you had to go. Now Tonia, Rachel & Mike will carry on your Mathieu attitude gene, & don't you worry, there's a lot of it in the rest of the family too. Please don't worry too much. This is VERY hard on the family right now, but we're going to stick together & keep you alive w/all the amazing memories we have w/you. God definetely has a new angel to carry under his wings. May you go in peace &*

*reminisce w/Memere, Pepere, Ma tante Gemma, Mon oncle Herve, Mon oncle Jr, & other family memebers & friends you meet up w/in Heaven. Please give them a hug & kiss for us. I love you so much and miss you Mon oncle. Until we meet again, please give the family strength and keep us all safe... God Bless! Love, Marissa##imported-begin##Marissa##imported-end##*

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December 27, 2010 at 12:34 PM



“ *We were very surprised and saddened with the news of Roger's passing! I kind of lost contact with Roger this summer but assumed that he was beating this "Thing". I expected to be taking many more of those fun filled golf excursions with him. We sure had a great time traveling to Canada and Southern N.H. I will miss that for a long time. Kids: you and the grandchildren were the whole world to your Dad. We offer our deepest condolences and our prayers are with you..##imported-begin##Roger & Bonnie Brousseau##imported-end##*

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December 27, 2010 at 10:29 AM



“ Roger where do I start? I want to thank you for being the best brother a sister could ever have. I can not count the number of times you got me out of a tight spot. You were ALWAYS there no matter what time of day it was. I guess HE needs another angel and you were the chosen one. Let me tell you it hurts me so bad just knowing I will never be able to see you physically but I know you are not suffering anymore. Tonia, Rachel, Mike & families I am so sorry for all that we have lost. He was a great man and we all know he will live in us for the rest of our lives.  
God bless and may your soul "RIP" ROGER I LOVE YOU AND I MISS YOU... You will always and everyday be in my thoughts and in my heart I LOVE YOU "BIG BROTHER" Your little sister,  
Carmen###imported-begin##Carmen Domanico###imported-end##

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December 25, 2010 at 09:28 PM



“ u will be truly missed, remembering the good times and fun we had at bowling and at the resturant, u will never be forgotten.###imported-begin##richard and esther fournier###imported-end##

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December 25, 2010 at 06:45 PM



“ The Mathieu family has surely lost another great person. I have many fond memories of "mononcle Roger." He will be missed along with his sense of humor. He will always hold a special place in my heart. He fought a tough battle!! Thoughts and prayers go out to all the family.###imported-begin##Judy and Jay Grimes###imported-end##

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December 25, 2010 at 05:30 PM



“ Our sincere sympathy to the family. take care. he will be missed.##imported-begin##denise Carrier & egide Carrier##imported-end##

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December 25, 2010 at 05:03 PM



“ Tonia & family, we are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts & prayers are with you. Thanks God he is no longer suffering. Our hearts go out to you.  
Love, Tim, Deanna & Matthew Clement##imported-begin##Deanna Clement##imported-end##

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December 25, 2010 at 04:50 PM



“ Our condolences to the family and he was a strong believer in family. He is in a better place with no more suffering.##imported-begin##Haven & Peggy Haynes##imported-end##

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December 25, 2010 at 04:16 PM



“ Tonia, Rachael, Mike and familys, Deepest sympathy to you with the passing of your Dad. I first met him, when we were quite young and rode the same school bus together. When we got to high school we were in the same grade. We had a lot of good times in the high school years. Seems he is gone to soon. I will miss running into him when visiting up north. He was a real good fellow, always had a smile ready and good conversation. You all are in our thoughts and prayers. We will miss him.  
Calvin and Laurie Crawford##imported-begin##Calvin Crawford##imported-end##

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December 24, 2010 at 07:46 PM



“ To the Family of Roger,  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this very difficult time.  
May the memories you have of your Dad bring joy to your heart and  
a smile to your face. Sicerely, Renee and Chris Powers###imported-  
begin###Renee Powers###imported-end##

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December 24, 2010 at 03:10 PM



“ What a loss this is. He was a good dad and I know he was very  
grateful everyday for his children, grandchildren and his family. My  
grandson rode the bus for a short time from Norton to Canaan and  
he looked forward to seeing Roger everyday. He said he was the  
best school bus driver. He captured apiece of everyone's heart in  
some way or another. I am very sorry for your loss.###imported-  
begin###Gilles and Robin Houle###imported-end##

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December 24, 2010 at 01:50 PM



“ Tonya, Michael and Rachel, You Father was a Great Man! He would  
do anything for anyone! Always a smile on his face. He will be  
surely missed. My father-n-law (Uncle Artie) always thought highly  
of him and visited him every time he was up. May he rest in peace  
as he is a angel now looking down from heaven and watching over  
you. Our thoughts and Prayers are with you at this time. Michelle &  
Rick Gamache###imported-begin###Michelle Gamache###imported-  
end##

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December 24, 2010 at 01:07 PM



“ Dear Family, We have lost a very important member of our family and he will be greatly missed..Its especially hard during this holiday season. But Roger would want us all to have A fun holiday so lets do our best to make it the way he would want it to be.God bless everyone in our family and know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers. Thinking of all of you..Joanne###imported-begin###Joanne Mathieu###imported-end##

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December 24, 2010 at 12:20 PM



“ Tonya, Michael, Rachel, and families,

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you in this difficult time.*

*Wayne & Pam Frizzell###imported-begin###Wayne Frizzell###imported-end##*

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December 24, 2010 at 12:02 PM



“ Sorry for your loss, Roger was a good man and always knew how to make you smile he will be missed###imported-begin###Jennifer Falconer###imported-end##

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December 23, 2010 at 10:45 PM



“ We are very sorry for your loss. I had the pleasure of working with Roger at Ethan Allen and had many good times. I also knew Roger's parents and grandparents because of my father working in the woods with Roger's father. He will greatly be missed.

Danny & Sylvie Mathieu##imported-begin##Danny Mathieu##imported-end##

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December 23, 2010 at 09:34 PM



“ To all of Rogers family- we send our condolences our prayers & thoughts are with you at this very difficult time. Roger was a wonderful person hard worker & his family meant everything to him. Suzelle & Walter Noyes##imported-begin##Walter & Suzelle Noyes##imported-end##

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December 23, 2010 at 04:27 PM



“ Family Members of Roger:

I lost touch with Roger years ago when I moved away right out of high school, but I do remember how many laughs we had as teens. There was a group of us that hung out together and crossed the Border many times for a night out. I'm sure he carried his humor with him over the years. My condolences to you all and God Be With You during this difficult time.

Georgie##imported-begin##Georgie "Poulin" Johnson##imported-end##

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December 23, 2010 at 12:58 PM