



Roland "Dick" Richards

May 22, 1924 - July 15, 2012

SOUTH CANAAN, VT-- Mr. Roland R. "Dick" Richards, 88, died on Sunday, July 15, 2012, at the Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital with his family by his side.

He was born on May 22, 1924, in Clarksville, NH, a son to the late Perley Richards and Sarah Ardes Heath. He was educated in the local schools and later served with honor during World War II in the U.S. Army. His military service included time in the cavalry, and then Dick became a paratrooper, seeing action in the Philippines during the war.

After his military service, Dick worked briefly for Pratt & Whitney before settling in Mont Vernon, NH, where he farmed for several years. He moved back to his native north country and was a life-long farmer here, as well.

Dick was well known as a great storyteller. He was also a beloved local columnist, recounting those stories and local history for many years in the Colebrook Chronicle and Northern New Hampshire Magazine. He was also an avid card player who enjoyed a good game of poker, and he followed his Boston sports team closely, always watching the Red Sox and the Patriots whenever possible. Dick also was a voracious reader and fan of Louis L'Amour westerns, reading them all several times. He also enjoyed visiting with his many friends, and he loved spending time with his many

grandchildren.

Dick leaves behind his beloved wife of 37 years, Elseia (Shallow) Richards of West Stewartstown; four sons, Earl Richards of Sebago, Me., Dennis Richards and wife Lisa of Candia, NH, Craig Richards and wife Elizabeth of Colebrook, and Josh Richards of Stewartstown; three daughters, Paula Reynolds and husband Vern of Columbia, NH, Colleen Richards of Derry, NH, and Sher Callanan and husband Andy of Manchester, NH; three step-children, Gail Watson and husband Jim of Rexford, NY, Wayne Chapple and wife Paula of Winterhaven, Fl., and Peter Chapple of Stewartstown; a brother, Earl Richards and wife Betty of Pittsburg, NH; a sister, Alice Conover of Northville, NY; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and many, many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by a son, Terry Richards; two brothers, Gerard and Frank Richards; and a sister, Thelma Richards.

Calling hours will be on Wednesday, July 18, 2012, from 5-8 p.m. at the Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home in Colebrook. A funeral will be held the next morning, Thursday, July 19, at 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Interment with military honors will follow at the Colebrook Village Cemetery.

Expressions of sympathy in memory of Mr. Richards may be made to the CCNH Residents' Activity Fund, P.O. Box 10, West Stewartstown, NH 03597.

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

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

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 18. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home
103 Main Street
Colebrook, NH

Tribute Wall



“ Thanks for the memories you shared with us, transcending us to a different time.
Special thoughts to your family.

Cindy Roy Hood###imported-begin##Cindy Hood###imported-end##

July 26, 2012 at 07:10 PM



“ you are all in my thought and prays.###imported-begin##Caroline Rojas ###imported-end##

July 21, 2012 at 10:15 AM



“ I never had the honor to meet this fine man but have read many of his articles in the Colebrook Chronicle over the years .I too work for the Chronicle and enjoy it very much .I am sure that Dick was a very kind, gentle man that truly enjoyed life ,family and friends and from the obituary a hand of poker .I am very sure the North Country will miss this very special man alot.I never knew the man but I think I missed out on talking to a very interesting man that truly enjoyed life to its fullest .Dick you will be missed !!!###imported-begin##Corey Bellam###imported-end##

July 20, 2012 at 05:22 PM



“ Dear Elseia, Wayne, Gail and Pete.

I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Dick. It was always so interesting to read his stories!! I did not know him that well but I certainly knew all of you from "wayback" on Colby Street.

Take Care

Ray & Berangy Lavigne##imported-begin##Ray
Lavigne##imported-end##

July 20, 2012 at 03:42 PM



“ Dear Elseia and family,

We are very sorry to hear of the passing of Dick. We have fond memories of conversations with him Please know that you are in our thoughts and our prayers.

With Deepest Sympathy,

Joni and Dick##imported-begin##Richard and Joni
Hicks##imported-end##

July 19, 2012 at 11:09 AM



“ Condolences to the family.

Dick and Julie##imported-begin##Julie Fournier Dick
Brady##imported-end##

July 19, 2012 at 09:46 AM



“ We will miss you, Dick. We always enjoyed reading your weekly newspaper column. Your stories of yesteryear brought back fond memories of the working class people of the North Country. Our sympathies are with your family at this time.##imported-begin##Bradley and Monica White##imported-end##

July 18, 2012 at 07:40 PM



“ Gail,

I am sorry for your loss.

Bonnie##imported-begin##Bonnie Halkenhauser##imported-end##

July 18, 2012 at 11:25 AM



“ My condolences to Gail and the entire family. Be thankful for the many years and wonderful memories.##imported-begin##Alex Kuchis##imported-end##

July 18, 2012 at 11:15 AM



“ Dear Gail I am so sorry to hear about your father I hope you can find comfort in knowing that he is in peace.##imported-begin##Melissa Ostrander##imported-end##

July 17, 2012 at 05:17 PM



“ Gail - I am so sorry to hear about your father, I know how close to all your family you are. Please don't hesitate to call if you need anything at all. We are all here for you.##imported-begin##Traci Daoust##imported-end##

July 17, 2012 at 12:53 PM



“ Gail and Family: My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time.
Anne Marie##imported-begin##Anne Marie Stapf##imported-end##

July 17, 2012 at 12:16 PM



“ Charles Restall and I are saddened to hear of Dick's passing. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family at this very difficult time.##imported-begin##Linda Blanchard##imported-end##

July 16, 2012 at 10:31 PM



“ Our condolences to the family on your loss. His wit and humor will be sorely missed but it is heaven's gain.##imported-begin##Haven & Peggy Haynes##imported-end##

July 16, 2012 at 06:11 PM



“ There are so many fond memories of Dick that come to mind. There will be a hole in our hearts, but have faith that we will all meet again in Heaven. Love to all in the family.##imported-begin##David and Linda Chappell and family##imported-end##

July 16, 2012 at 11:30 AM