



## Russell E. Rowell

November 13, 1919 - August 19, 2018

CANAAN — Russell E. Rowell, 98, passed away at the Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital in Colebrook on Sunday, Aug. 19, 2018, with his family by his side.

He was born on Nov. 13, 1919, on Canaan Hill, at the current location of the Chris Masson homestead. He was the son of the late Walter J. Rowell and L. Beryl (Russell) Young. He attended schools in Canaan, and later spent his life as a heavy equipment operator in the construction field. He was a team member during the construction of both Interstates 89 and 91 in Vermont, and he worked for many years for Elmont Jackson. At one time he ran the gas station in Canaan, and he and his wife owned and operated the first soft-serve ice cream place in the area called Frostywhirl.

Russell was a wonderful father to his family, and will be remembered for his hard work ethic, mechanic's ability and always tinkering. He loved old classic country-western music, and he loved to travel with his family to the beach each summer. He was known as a talented yodeler in his younger days.

He leaves behind three children, Eileen Pontbriand (Paul) of Wallingford, Vt., Kevin B. Rowell of Canaan, and Mark Rowell (Brenda) of Stratford, NH; 14 grandchildren, and numerous great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren.

He is predeceased by his wife, Ruth (Frizzell) Rowell in 2001, a son, Leslie Rowell, and a grandson, Wade Rowell.

There are no public calling hours. A Celebration of the Life for both Ruth and Russell will be held at a later date of which notice will be given.

Expressions of sympathy may be made in Mr. Rowell's name to the Two Rivers Ride for Cancer, c/o R. Mulliken, 53 Spring St., Colebrook, NH 03576; the Great North Woods Center for the Arts, c/o C. Jordan, P.O. Box 263, Colebrook, NH 03576; or 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.

# Tribute Wall

RP

“ Robert Paige lit a candle in memory of Russell E. Rowell



Robert Paige - September 03, 2018 at 01:54 PM

LF

“ Laurie Frizzell lit a candle in memory of Russell E. Rowell



Laurie Frizzell - September 01, 2018 at 04:37 PM

SF

“ Uncle Russell was a very hard worker and provider. I remember the bus trips when I was playing basketball, he always got us there and back. Me and his late son Leslie would stay up late with him and listen to wheeling west Virginia country music on radio, before there was a TV to watch. My prayers go out to all the family.



Stephan frizzell - August 31, 2018 at 08:58 AM

HH

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

Haven & Peggy Haynes - August 22, 2018 at 06:07 AM

CM

“ I will always remember my grandpa as the strong but silent type. A gentle giant. He was always out in the garage working on cars and nana didn't like it. We could hear him yodeling out there and when he came in we'd ask him to yodel for us and he'd say he didn't know how! We would all go to the demolition derby or drive-in movies when we visited. He'd fall asleep sitting up on the couch and when we'd wake him up he'd say "you crazy rigs!!" Although I haven't seen him for quite some years I thought of him often! Love you gramps!

*Carol McMullin, granddaughter*

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**carol mcmullin** - August 21, 2018 at 10:24 PM

PP

“ To you Dad for whom I respected for treating me more like a son than a son-in-law I will always keep you in my heart you will be greatly missed. R.I.P All my love Paul Pontbriand

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**Paul Pontbriand** - August 21, 2018 at 08:49 PM

TT

“ I'm very sorry for your loss. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Tammy Thivierge** - August 21, 2018 at 04:29 PM

SC

“ I'm sorry to read the passing of Russell Rowell. It has been years since I saw him last. I worked for Russell in the winter of 1957 and 1958. We hauled pulp for Elmont Jackson. My condolences to all of Russell's families. R.I.P. Russell.

*Stanley Crawford.*

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**Stanley Crawford** - August 21, 2018 at 03:46 PM

DG

“ *To Kevin and the Whole Family  
So sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. He  
was a good man and a great neighbor.  
Remember all the good times and he was  
blessed with a good, long life so he will now  
watch over all of you. God Bless!*  
*Donald & Ginette Gagnon*



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**Donald & Ginette Gagnon** - August 21, 2018 at 02:42 PM

CH

“ *I am so sorry to learn of dear Uncle Russell's passing. His  
remarkable work ethic and amazing energy were unsurpassed. He  
always greeted me with a big smile and huge hug and holds a  
special place in my heart. Although he will be missed, I'm sure he  
and Aunt Ruth are "up there" re-living the good old times with my  
Mom and Dad and other family members and friends. Sincere  
sympathy to Kevin, Mark, Eileen and the entire Rowell family, and  
especially to Wanita who was such an important part of his life.*

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**Carol Harbour** - August 21, 2018 at 12:54 PM

WN

“ *Sending our deepest condolences to Russell's family! Russell was a  
hard working man and always very pleasant and proud of his family.  
RIP Mr Rowell*

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**Walter & Suzelle Noyes** - August 21, 2018 at 10:33 AM

CP

“ *I have known Russell my whole life as both a friend and relative and  
I have to say he was one of the best and nicest people I have ever  
known. I will miss him.*  
*Connie Provencher*

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**connie provencher** - August 21, 2018 at 10:20 AM

 Valerie Mahnke

“ Valerie Mahnke lit a candle in memory of Russell E. Rowell



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**Valerie Mahnke** - August 21, 2018 at 09:13 AM

 Calvin Crawford

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**Calvin Crawford** - August 20, 2018 at 10:24 PM

 Lori Cote

“ So sorry for your loss Kevin and mark he was a remarkable man.....



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**Lori Cote** - August 20, 2018 at 09:27 PM

WA

“ He was the best grampa ever! He taught me to have a purpose and a plan for everyday and to get going to get it done. I will miss him dearly. He will be in my heart forever I was blessed to have so much time with him.

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**Wanita** - August 20, 2018 at 06:28 PM

RK

“ *Rosalie King lit a candle in memory of Russell E. Rowell*



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**Rosalie King** - August 20, 2018 at 05:10 PM



“ *Helen Daudelin lit a candle in memory of Russell E. Rowell*



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**Helen Daudelin** - August 20, 2018 at 02:12 PM

TB

“ *Tal & Maureen Blanchard lit a candle in memory of Russell E. Rowell*



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**Tal & Maureen Blanchard** - August 20, 2018 at 02:01 PM

JM

“ *My condolences to the family, Russell was a nice man and will be missed. God Bless*

*Joanne Mathieu*

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**Joanne Mathieu** - August 20, 2018 at 12:49 PM