



Ruth H. Covell

July 7, 1943 - January 24, 2024

PITTSBURG – Ruth Helen (Foote) Covell, 80, was born in Springfield, Mass., on July 7, 1943, and died at her home in Pittsburg on Wednesday evening, Jan. 24, 2024, with her family by her side. Her parents, Helen A. (Rathbun) Foote and Onie A. Foote, and three brothers, Onie E., David E., and Frederick J. Foote, pre-deceased her.

Ruth was married to Lesley Covell for 64 years. Their children are Diane R. (Covell) Haynes (deceased in 2023) married to Eldon S. Haynes; Mark L Covell; Darrel F. Covell married to Amy Moore Covell; and Matthew E. Covell (deceased in 1979). Beloved grandchildren are Ashley D. Haynes and partner Waylon Marsh; Kaitlyn M. Covell; Ian M. Covell, Graham K. Covell, and Aidan M. Covell.

Ruth graduated from Pittsburg High School and the Berlin (NH) Community College. She took several courses in creative writing through Granite State College and graduated with a degree in medical transcription.

She worked for several years at Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital, and over 20 years at Indian Stream Professional Association, retiring in 2003.

Ruth was a volunteer for the Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital Auxiliary and held various offices, including President for 1 year. She served on the board

for the development of the Home Health Service. She was Chairman for the Pittsburg Bicentennial Committee. She served on the Colebrook Recreation Center board for a 3-year term and was a member of the Pittsburg Historical Society, serving for many years as its secretary. She was a member of the Farnham Memorial United Methodist Church in Pittsburg, holding several offices through the years and playing piano on occasion.

Her favorite interests were reading, writing essays and poetry, playing piano, cross-country skiing, fishing, boating, hiking with Les, family picnics, swimming in Lake Francis, and visiting with friends and family. She loved working outside with flowers, cutting brush, and mowing the lawn. Vacationing at Hampton Beach with the children in the early years and vacationing in Venice, Florida, and at Vinalhaven Island, Maine, later on were her favorite times. "I had a great life."

There are no public calling hours. A memorial service will be held at the Farnham Memorial United Methodist Church in Pittsburg on Friday, Feb. 2, 2024, at 11 a.m. with a reception to follow in the adjacent Judd Community Hall.

Expressions of sympathy in memory of Mrs. Covell may be made to the FUMC, c/o D. Young, P.O. Box 6, Pittsburg, NH 03592, or to the Pittsburg Fire Department, 1684 Main St., Pittsburg, NH 03592.

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

Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home in Colebrook.

Cemetery Details

Pittsburg Hollow Cemetery

Hill Road
Pittsburg, NH

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

Farnham Memorial United Methodist Church
Main Street, US Route 3
Pittsburg, NH

Tribute Wall



“ Garden Accent Stone - *"Wherever a Beautiful Soul..."* was purchased for the family of Ruth H. Covell.



February 14, 2024 at 12:09 PM



“ Our sincere condolences to Les. I will always remember how kind and helpful Ruth was when I worked at the NCCRC.

Bill & Susan Sambito

William Sambito - February 08, 2024 at 06:54 AM



“ My deepest condolences to Lesley and the whole family. During the many Historical Society sessions on the Indian Stream Republic Project, I enjoyed her wit, enthusiasm, knowledge (and cookies).

*Francois Bouchy-Picon
Hereford Community Forest*

Francois R. Bouchy-Picon - February 06, 2024 at 10:29 AM



“ Sorry for your loss Mr Covell and to your family. I I have fond memories of Ruth.

*Martine
From the Indian Stream Republic project - Coaticook, Canada*

Martine Lebel - February 01, 2024 at 11:15 AM

MJ

“ I am so sorry to hear of Ruth's passing. I didn't know her well but whenever I saw her she'd stop to chat. I first met her at school at a writing course. We were both working on a college degree. She was a lovely woman who I'm sure will be sorely missed. Condolences to the family.

Michele Johnsen - January 31, 2024 at 02:50 PM

EG

“ I was so saddened to hear of Ruth's passing. I recently saw her around her 80th birthday. She was a very gentle and kind woman, and I will miss her visiting with me at the shop. My deepest condolences to Les and all of the family.

Elizabeth A. Guerin - January 31, 2024 at 12:42 PM

JM

“ Our sincerest condolences to Les and all of Ruth's family. She was a wonderful person and will be truly missed by many.
RIP Ruth
John and Sue Morrissey

John Morrissey - January 27, 2024 at 10:56 AM

BM

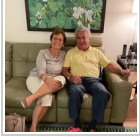
“ My deepest sympathy to Les Eldon Ashley and rest of the family.

Becky Masters - January 27, 2024 at 10:04 AM

MA

“ Les, I am so sorry to hear about Ruth's passing. Her beautiful smile and quiet giggle will be missed by so many. Wishing you and your family peace for now.

Marti - January 27, 2024 at 09:41 AM



“ *Les-When my dad became good friends with Fred Foote, Ruth and her whole family welcome him into their fold and he spent so many good times with your family. I enjoyed working with Ruth. Cherish your memories. So sorry for your loss. Pat and Marie Banfill*

Pat Banfill - January 27, 2024 at 08:55 AM

RR

So very sorry for your loss. Rosemary and Gerard Riendeau

Rosemary and Gerard Riendeau - January 30, 2024 at 06:48 AM

CB

“ *Les- Condolences to you & the family for your loss of Ruth. She was a good woman, wife, friend, & community oriented woman. She will be sorely missed. Jerry & Carol Bond*

Carol A Bond - January 26, 2024 at 10:04 PM

RP

“ *Our deepest sympathy to the Ruth's family she was a very special lady our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time Robert and Cathy Paige*

Robert and Cathy Paige - January 26, 2024 at 06:05 PM

WN

“ *Leslie and family
We are so sorry to hear about Ruth's passing! We're keeping all of you in our prayers! She was a wonderful lady and will be missed by many! Rest in peace Ruth! ❤️*

Walter&Suzelle Noyes - January 26, 2024 at 05:40 PM

RH

“ Our sympathies to all of Ruth's family at this difficult time. We have many fond memories of Ruth at family gatherings at Diane, Eldon and Ashley's. Ruth and Les always welcomed us to spend time at the lake in front of their home . We had many fun times when our boys were young with Diane and Ashley there. RIP Ruth. We hope you have rejoined with Diane and Matthew.
With Sympathy, Scott and Roxanne Haynes



Roxanne Haynes - January 26, 2024 at 05:18 PM

LC

“ Linda Clogston lit a candle in memory of Ruth H. Covell



Linda Clogston - January 26, 2024 at 03:59 PM

LC

I am so sorry to hear that Ruth passed. She was such a wonderful person. I enjoyed working with her at the Pittsburg Historical Society. Went to school and played basketball with her when we were young.

Linda Clogston - January 26, 2024 at 04:02 PM

TF

“ Condolences to the covell family



Theresa ferren-Avery - January 26, 2024 at 03:42 PM

LB

“ *Leslie and Family,
So sorry to hear about Ruth! It was a pleasure working with Ruth
and in later years, visiting with her when she stopped at the store!
She spoke so highly of her family and loved her family very much!
Hold her memories close to your hearts to guide you all through
these tough times! Sending prayers and hugs. RIP, Ruth❤️
Lisa, Mike, Katie @ Nick Bouchard*

Lisa Bouchard - January 26, 2024 at 02:36 PM

AG

“ *I have many happy memories of Ruth. She was a faithful member of
Farnham Memorial Church, and I always enjoyed seeing her there.
She loved the Lord. She had a happy, cheerful attitude, and we all
loved her very much.*

*I also served with her in the Pittsburg Historical Society. She really
took her job as secretary seriously.*

*We will miss this gentle, lovely lady. I loved her sweet smile. Our
sympathy goes out to her family and friends.*

Ann and Lindsey Gray

Ann Gray - January 26, 2024 at 02:31 PM

FC

“ *Our sympathy to all family and friends.*



Francine and Andre Champagne - January 26, 2024 at 09:40 AM

DL

“ *Donna And Rene Lapierre lit a candle in
memory of Ruth H. Covell*



Donna and Rene Lapierre - January 26, 2024 at 09:39 AM