



Sarah Jane Cummings

July 14, 1934 - January 29, 2014

COLEBROOK — Mrs. Sarah Jane Cummings, 79, of Colebrook, passed away at her home on Wednesday, Jan. 29, 2014, after a long period of failing health.

She was born on July 14, 1934, in Pittsburg, NH, a daughter to the late Parker and Nina (Williams) Tabor. She was a 1952 graduate of Pittsburg High School and then attended nursing school from 1952-55 at Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital in Hanover, NH.

Sarah Jane's life as an R.N. began in the traditional way, working in hospital settings, and later as a private nurse, as well. She worked for several years at the Coös County Hospital in West Stewartstown, and was the director of nursing there when an opportunity to become a local school nurse became available in 1971. Until her retirement in 1994, Sarah Jane was widely known and well-loved as the school nurse for SAU #7, with duties encompassing schools from Pittsburg to Errol. She also served as Colebrook's health officer for many years, and she served on the board of directors for the Northern NH Mental Health agency.

Sarah Jane loved to travel, dance, attend the theater, and to play cards. She also loved being with her family and grandchildren. She was a charter member of the local chapter of the Red Hat Society, a member of the Metallak

Retired Teachers' Association, and a member of the Trinity United Methodist Church.

Sarah Jane is survived by her loving husband of 58 years, William Cummings of Colebrook; two daughters, Deborah Wells and husband Jim of Colebrook, and Cynthia Cummings-Birch and husband Emile of Canaan, NH; seven grandchildren, Nina Pereira and husband Juliano of Revere, Mass., Eben Noyes and wife Jennifer of Colebrook, Martha Wells of Colebrook, Tabor Kittredge and partner Kalyn Rogers of Suffolk, Va., Aubrey Welch and husband Guy of Topsham, Vt., Meredith Birch and husband Greg Wenc of Dartmouth, Mass., and Jenny Birch and life partner Patty Mediros of Westport, Mass.; and three great-grandchildren, Camden, Carli and Greyson.

There are no public calling hours. A graveside service will be at the Indian Stream Cemetery in Pittsburg on Saturday, July 12, 2014, at 11 a.m.

Expressions of sympathy in memory of Mrs. Cummings may be made to the Sarah Jane Cummings Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o Rosemary Mulliken at the First Colebrook Bank, 132 Main St., Colebrook, NH 03576.

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.

Cemetery Details

Indian Stream Cemetery

Tabor Road
Pittsburg, NH

Tribute Wall

LN

“ *Lisa Noyes lit a candle in memory of Sarah Jane Cummings*



Lisa Noyes - June 04, 2014 at 11:21 PM

LN

“ *Dear Bill and Family,*

I think of Sarah often...wanting to pick up the phone to call her...then reminding myself she is within all of us who knew and loved her.....please know....she is still alive in my heart and the heart of my son's and family....huge heartfelt hugs and love to all your family....I miss her dearly... Lisa

Lisa Noyes - June 04, 2014 at 11:21 PM

BB

“ *Bill & family - This summer was to be our first get together since high school in the 50's! Sad loss. Shakespeare said it best - "Rough winds do shake the darling buds of May, and summer's lease hath all too short a date..." I'm truly sorry. Bruce Bacon*

Bruce Bacon - March 19, 2014 at 05:30 AM

LN

“ Dear Family of Sarah...and I know it extends to many so I can't address you by name. Early after finding out about my friends passing...I wrote a tribute message of how she impacted my life...it was what I needed to do....she was such an Icon in my life...now I would like to share my deep sorrow for your family's loss...Bill, Cindy and Debbie....and all your families....I would like to express my sincere heartfelt thoughts to you and the loss of your wife and mother....I am still expecting to hear from her.....or call her....and yet we cannot. That's how powerful of a compassionate person she was to those she felt connection with. I want to thank you Bill...for allowing my son's to visit..for fishing with them...in your backyard.....for you Cindy and Debbie for sharing the few times we could...and to your children and all her grandchildren....she left a legacy to so many people....she always talked about all of you on our trips...and it was evident she loved you all so much. The last time I was with her was a couple years ago....we were on a caboose (train in Arizona)- she wanted to climb up a bunch of metal steep steps so she could have the view I did in the wild west...she did it and loved it....Your family is in loss...and I want you to know...she would want you and all the rest of us to find peace...as she loved,laughed and smiled...I never knew a person who laughed like her....and I've never heard that kind of laugh, sincerely, but from her...that is someone who allows themselves to let out the happiness when it is there....I miss her, but I know she is at peace...that does not necessarily comfort those of us who still are here on this earth....but she is watching over all of those she loved...and you will feel her when she does. Thank you for letting me write this.....God Bless you Bill and all your family....always Lisa



Lisa Noyes - February 20, 2014 at 10:38 PM

DL

“ *She will be missed greatly. We remember her beautiful smiles, hand and foot games, square dancing and her caring hospitality.*

Dennis and Linda LaPerle - February 12, 2014 at 12:29 PM

JE

“ *Sarah Jane was just a sweet spirit - I enjoyed her so very much in the Silver steppers dance class and our Nashville trip back in the boot scootin days. We've stayed in touch and she always had a hug and smile and kind word to say. Heavenly Father must have needed her to help him at this time - but I am confident she will be with you again. She warmed my heart so much. love to you and all your family, Jill (Riley) Endsley*

Jill Endsley - February 10, 2014 at 12:25 PM

BJ

“ *Throughout our lifetime we always loose someone we love very much. There are those we loose who have been more than just a friend. I have known Sarah since I was seventeen, she has been be my confidant, mentor and friend throughout my lifetime. No words can express the sadness and emptiness in my heart. Rest in peace, Sarah. You have been the pillar of strength throughout your last years of ill health. So happy you got to see your granddaughters married. I will miss you dearly. My love to Bill, Debbie, Cindy and family. Bev Jenkins*

Bev Jenkins - February 02, 2014 at 05:03 PM

AT

“ I had the privledge both of working across the hall from Sarah at CA and of being her friend. Along with her caring smile, the other quality I remember most would be her listening skills. Listening to someone tells them that you took the time to hear their feelings.....
Alice Tunney

Alice Tunney - February 02, 2014 at 02:00 PM

LK

“ Bill, Deb, and Cindy,

We were sad to learn of Sarah Jane's passing. She was a really nice person whose smile enhanced the life of many people. We will miss playing bridge with her and her caring, positive attitude towards life.

Patty and Les

Leslie Klinefelter - February 02, 2014 at 10:01 AM

ML

“ Bill, Deb, Cindy, there are no words that can convey my sorrow. I loved Sarah-Jane dearly and feel so badly for your loss.

Mary LeBlanc - February 01, 2014 at 10:48 PM

JD

“ Bill and family, Sarah Jane was a very caring person and we will miss her. We will keep her in our prayers, and always remember her wonderful smile. Joeng and I send you all our sincere condolences.

Joeng & Mike Divney - February 01, 2014 at 09:31 PM

PP

“ *Deb, Jim & family, Sending our deepest sympathy at this difficult time. Know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Patty, Katelyn & Amanda*

Patricia Purrington - February 01, 2014 at 08:57 PM

SM

“ *Our deepest sympathy to all. She was always a pleasure to visit with.*
Sue Miller

Sue Miller - February 01, 2014 at 04:25 PM

DL

“ *To the Cummings Family,*
Mrs. Cummings was a wonderful and caring person. What a great school nurse. My husband I both had her in school. She will be missed by all. I will miss seeing her dressed in her beautiful red hat and her smile. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. Donna and Rene Lapierre class of 87 and 90

Donna and Rene Lapierre - February 01, 2014 at 03:04 PM

KM

“ *Thinking of you Bill, Deb, Cindy and family-I have fond childhood memories of being with all of you at camp, visiting at your home. Sara Jane was so graceful and had a great smile. Glad she was able to come to our class reunion a few years ago. Sending you hugs from afar-love, Kathy*

kmcintyre - February 01, 2014 at 11:28 AM

TF

“ *Todd, Jess, Crystal, Lara & the Yahoo! Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Sarah Jane Cummings.*



Todd, Jess, Crystal, Lara & the Yahoo! Family - February 01, 2014 at 11:15 AM

DW

“ *Our Deepest condolences to All the Family . We will always have great memories of the Williams Family Reunions celebrated at Bill and Sarah Jane's home. Sincerely Phyllis Williams and Don & Stephanie Williams.*

Don Williams - February 01, 2014 at 11:11 AM

DO

“ *Don lit a candle in memory of Sarah Jane Cummings*



Don - February 01, 2014 at 10:48 AM

EH

“ *We offer our condolences and prayers to Bill and family ... Although many years intervene, we remember Sarah Jane as warm, friendly, a willing listener ...and are saddened to learn of her passing ... You are all in our thoughts and prayers ...*

Ed and Jane Holbrook

Ed and Jane Holbrook - February 01, 2014 at 08:31 AM

MP

“ I always loved the fact that Sarah Jane would stop me and ask about my family whenever she saw me in the hallways of the school. She was a wonderful warm-hearted person. My deepest condolences to your family. Sincerely, Mary Ann (Holbrook) Proulx

Mary Proulx - January 31, 2014 at 09:43 PM

LN

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Lisa Noyes - January 31, 2014 at 09:04 PM

LN

From the left..Nathan Noyes, Dorothea Noyes, Patty Hart, Arlene White, Sarah Jane Cummings, Matthew Noyes during a vacation in Phoenix....

Lisa Noyes - January 31, 2014 at 09:06 PM

DD

“ To All of the Family My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Many fond memories of Sarah when she was the nurse at school. She was a special lady and will be greatly missed. Stay strong

DeeDee Davis - January 31, 2014 at 10:49 AM



“ *To All of the Family
My deepest condolences to you in this time of loss. There has been much water under the bridge thru the years. All fond memories I will have. She will be missed.
Sincerely, Bobby*

Robert Noyes - January 31, 2014 at 10:40 AM



“ *Bill - Deb- Jim & family - Sorry to hear about your loss of Srah Jane, she was such a vibrant and active person with always a bright smile for everyone. She will be missed by so many. Our thoughts are with you
Jack & Connie Provencher*

Connie Provencher - January 31, 2014 at 09:04 AM



“ *My deepest sympathies to Mrs. Cummings family..She was the kindest lady, and years later I have certain memories of my trips to the nurses office and what a caring woman she always was. I will always remember her,...*

Kerry Washburn - January 31, 2014 at 07:53 AM



“ *Dear Debbie and Family. We are so sorry for your loss. Hope time heals quickly for all of you.*

Ray and Berangere Lavigne

Ray Lavigne - January 31, 2014 at 07:00 AM

LN

“ *Lisa Noyes lit a candle in memory of Sarah Jane Cummings*



Lisa Noyes - January 31, 2014 at 03:15 AM

LN

Sarah Cummings was once the wind beneath my wings...I miss you already..you are now blessed with peace and rest- you served all you loved and all that loved you "with compassion and love".. Until we meet again...

Lisa Noyes - January 31, 2014 at 03:25 AM

LN

“ It is a rare gift to find a mentor in your younger years...when a young one can hear the words of wisdom and find hope in that...when one truly gets that someone understands...that is a person you never forget....and you hope will always be in your life as times goes on....the joy I share today about Sarah...is most probably not singled out...I know she touched many lives... those she loved and shared friendship like my grandmother, Dorothea Noyes. I write these thoughts and words to tell you that, although she was not a relative by the those terms...she was and will always be the top three of the women who impacted my life in a positive manner...My grandmother Dot, my mother Ileana, and Sarah Jane...my friend.... We shared vacations in Hawaii, San Francisco, Arizona, San Diego.....throughout the years....But I must say this....Sarah Jane was a woman of integrity, sincere compassion, and a kind and loving person. That is how I always remember her...and that is how I will always remember her...on this earth her passing is a pain that we all know we must endure...but heaven is holding and hugging her for us... I love and miss her...God Bless you my friend Sarah and your loving family.... Lisa

Lisa Noyes - January 31, 2014 at 01:23 AM

HH

“ Our condolences to the Cummings family on your loss. I can remember getting shots in first grade with Mrs. Cummings holding me still.

Haven & Peggy Haynes - January 30, 2014 at 11:57 PM

AB

“ Angel Brown lit a candle in memory of Sarah Jane Cummings



Angel Brown - January 30, 2014 at 09:57 PM

AB

“ Sarah was a very loved person , She always went above and beyond anything that needed to be done. I have many fond memories and always loved are little chats.My Sincere Condolences to Sarah's family and friends.My You all Find peace and comfort knowing that she's an Angel watching over you now.

Angel (Morgan) Brown

Angel Brown - January 30, 2014 at 09:54 PM

PR

“ I loved helping Sarah Jane at school, I helped her for many years. She was and awesome lady and she will surely be missed by everyone she knew. My heart goes out to the family, I'm so sorry to hear of her passing. I hope that your will find comfort in know that she is no longer in pain and she is now an angel watching over you. May the Lord comfort you in this time.

Patsy Rinville Ruggiero - January 30, 2014 at 08:59 PM

BR

“ Bill, Deb, Cindy, Eben, Nina- Sarah Jane was always so gentle, kind, and had a wonderful laugh. I have fond memories of our trip to Florida, lunches at the Northland, and play dates at your beautiful home. A very special person indeed. God Bless you all.

Bridget - January 30, 2014 at 08:01 PM

VC

“ Sarah you were always so kind to me i always loved seeing you and you will be greatly missed my thoughts and prayers go out to Bill and Cindy and family as well as Debbie and family what a pleasure it was to know you RIP

Vickie & Donald Couture

vickie couture - January 30, 2014 at 07:43 PM

BS

“ I knew Sarah many years ago when she was a member of the Colebrook EA bargaining team. I grew very fond of her then and was delighted when I moved to the Upper Valley and became equally fond of her daughter, Cynthia. Much love to the entire family in this time of remembrance and celebration of her life.

Brian Sullivan - January 30, 2014 at 07:40 PM

PY

“ Sorry to hear of Sarah's passing. She was loved by many people. RIP Sarah.

Pat Yost - January 30, 2014 at 07:14 PM

MG

“ We are so sorry to hear of Sarah Jane's passing. She was a very special lady. I enjoyed working with her at school. She had a special way with the children she worked with. Please accept our sincere condolences.

*With deepest sympathy
Melanie and Michael Gray*

Melanie Gray - January 30, 2014 at 06:26 PM

CF

“ I fondly remember Sarah Jane dancing at Aubrey's wedding... Beautiful!
Much love,
Carolyn Freese



carolyn freese - January 30, 2014 at 06:11 PM

PW

“ I am so sorry for the loss of Mrs. Cummings she was always a nice lady when she would come to the school when I was a kid, she will be sadly missed.
With love Penny (Brigham) Worrell

Penny Worrell - January 30, 2014 at 05:00 PM

BL

“ Our deepest sympathy to the family of Sarah Jane. She will be missed by a great many people. She was always so kind & had such a great smile. All the children at school loved her very much. She treated them with so much kindness and always listened to them. She was a great lady. Robert & Bonnie Lambert

Bonnie Lambert - January 30, 2014 at 04:58 PM

TL

“ Words can't express how saddened we are to hear of your loss
With love, Tami Lewis and family

Tami Lewis - January 30, 2014 at 04:06 PM

MM

“ *Cyn and Uncle E, We're so sorry to hear of your loss. May your fond memories of your mom guide you through this time. We love you.
Megan, Ian, Connor and Ellie McMichael*

Megan McMichael - January 30, 2014 at 03:05 PM

SC

“ *Our deepest sympathies go out to Bill, Debbie and Cindy. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Sheila and Cathy - January 30, 2014 at 01:49 PM

A8

“ *Alan J. MacKinnon Class of 84 purchased the Sympathy Messages - Kind Notes for the family of Sarah Jane Cummings.*



Alan J. MacKinnon Class of 84 - January 30, 2014 at 01:36 PM

SB

“ *Sarah Jane was a class act and a very nice lady, she will be missed.*

Steve Bissonnette - January 30, 2014 at 01:24 PM

LH

“ *My condolences to the family of (Sarah Jane) Mrs. Cummings. She was our school nurse and was always so kind and had a warm smile. A lovely lady, we were lucky to have her.
Lisa Hampton*

Lisa Hampton - January 30, 2014 at 01:23 PM

RH

“ Our heartfelt sympathy to Sarah Jane's family at this difficult time.

Even though she was small in stature, Sarah Jane had a big heart. She was very caring and compassionate to all who knew her.

Sincerely,

Richard and Sandy Hall

Richard & Sandy Hall - January 30, 2014 at 12:48 PM

JT

“ Like many in this area, (Sarah) Mrs. Cummings was my nurse at school. I remember her being gentle, understanding, comforting, appreciative and caring about us. We were lucky to have such a woman help take care of us, and the north-country was a healthier place because of her efforts. My thanks for all she was and sincere condolences for this loss. James Tillotson

James Tillotson - January 30, 2014 at 12:16 PM

PB

“ Oh my goodness, such a loss! Will miss her nice smile. Sarah has been such a special person since you guys rented above us in Lemington when I was small, and Debbie and my sister were good friends, then my babysitting for Debbie and Cindy, then working with Sarah at Colebrook Academy. We will all miss her alot!

Pat Banfill - January 30, 2014 at 11:25 AM

LB

Our sympathy goes out to Sarah Jane's family. She was a very kind lady. I was so glad that I got a chance to stop by and see her in Nov. She always asked about Donna and Allen and what they were doing with their life. She will be missed by many in Colebrook.

Ron & Linda Beloin

Linda Beloin - February 02, 2014 at 01:45 PM