



## Sherry Walter Belknap

February 24, 1956 - January 8, 2009

BLOOMFIELD, VERMONT – Mr. Sherry Walter Belknap, 52, a life-long Bloomfield resident, passed away Thursday evening, January 8, 2009, at his home surrounded by his family, following an extended battle with cancer.

Sherry was born in Lancaster, NH, on February 24, 1956, a son of Walter Joseph and Laura Ann (Roby) Belknap.

He graduated from Stratford High School and attended Berlin Technical College in Berlin, NH. Following his time in Berlin, he worked locally as a logging contractor. In 1984, he joined Labonville, Inc. in Gorham, NH, and he excelled in the logging equipment business to become a national sales representative until 2007.

Sherry was a bear of a man with a big heart and a penchant for puppies and other small vulnerable creatures. He loved his baby dogs Whoopee, Abigail and Peek-a-boo dearly. He was a man of conscience and action with a commitment to his community. He served as a selectman for the Town of Bloomfield for 18 years, and he raised over \$100,000 in grants to restore the old Bloomfield Town Hall, doing much of the rehabilitation work and painting himself. He was an outspoken advocate for the conservation of the Champion Paper Company lands and was appointed by Governor Howard Dean to chair the Champion Lands Advisory Council.

In 2002, with the possibility of a town center being revitalized, Sherry worked with the former owners of DeBanville's Store, Junior and Rose DeBanville, to raze the old buildings and build a new general store. The new store, deli and gas station opened in January of 2004, and has become a hub of activity and a gathering place for local citizens.

Sherry and his wife, Darlene, sold the family house on Route 105 west of Bloomfield in 2005 and moved to the "camp" on his beloved Nulhegan River. All the while battling cancer, Sherry continued his efforts to improve the quality of life for his town. In 2007, he conserved 14 acres of the riverfront lands in Bloomfield on Route 102 to ensure public access to the Connecticut and Nulhegan Rivers well into the future.

In addition to his loving wife, Darlene Ann (Poulin) Belknap of Bloomfield, Sherry is survived by his daughter, Karen Ann (Belknap) LaBree and husband, Eric Robert, of West Danville, VT; his father, Walter Joseph Belknap of Sandown, NH; his siblings, Julie Crichtette Woods of Canaan, VT, Mary Belknap Noyes of North Stratford, NH, Michael Walter Belknap of Bloomfield, Sally Belknap Biron of West Stewartstown, NH, and James Lindsey Belknap of West Stewartstown, NH; his step-mother, Beverly LeClair and husband, Bryant, of West Stewartstown, NH; a step-brother, Robert "Bobby" LeClair of West Stewartstown, NH; and a sister from his mother's previous marriage, Shirley Hubbard Thibeault of Beecher Falls, VT.

Sherry is preceded in death by his mother, Laura Ann Roby, and his brother, Claude Hubbard.

Calling hours will be Tuesday, January 13, 2009, from 2-4 & 7-9 p.m. at the Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home in Colebrook, NH. A Memorial Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, January 14th at 11:00 a.m. at the Sacred Heart

Catholic Church in North Stratford, NH, with The Reverend Daniel Deveau as celebrant and The Reverend Brendan Whittaker assisting. An interment service will be held in the spring at St. Stanislaus Cemetery in Bloomfield.

# Tribute Wall



“ Sorry to hear of Sherry's passing. I recently sold my house and was looking through some old photos and came across the log cabin we built together and the solar house, both lost in a fire. I'm so very sadden please accept my condolences to all of his family.

carol - January 09, 2022 at 10:36 PM



*Please contact me*

Darlene Belknap - February 03, 2023 at 09:52 PM



“ My condolence to sherry"s family. I knew sherry years ago when we were teenagers. He was always a lot of fun and such a nice guy. May he rest in peace.##imported-begin##Danielle Grondin Pollard##imported-end##

January 18, 2009 at 07:13 PM



“ My prayers and thoughts go out to Darlene, Karen and Sherry's family and friends. Everytime I visited the north country and ran into Sherry I was greated with a big smile and a friendly handshake. He will be greatly missed.##imported-begin##Larry Hook##imported-end##

January 17, 2009 at 02:23 AM



“ Dear Darlene & Family

*I am so sorry to hear about Sherry's passing. Sadly, I never had the pleasure to thank him personally. His efforts to preserve lands and restore Bloomfield's town center have certainly been of great benefit to us all. He will be sorely missed.*

*Bill Lucey*

*Publisher*

*Newport Daily News###imported-begin##Bill Lucey##imported-end##*

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January 16, 2009 at 02:43 PM



“ Darlene and family,

*I will always remember Sherry for his warmth, wit and charm. He was a man of kindness and integrity with such a positive demeanor. He fought such a long battle and now he is in a place of peace. He is still with you -- just in a different way.*

*Take care,*

*Shirley Tetreault Orrino###imported-begin##Shirley Orrino##imported-end##*

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January 15, 2009 at 08:01 PM



“ Shirley...I haven't seen you since I worked at the Balsams in 1975, but I remember you and your family. I knew Sherry very well, and liked him and his big heart and personality. He was a good man, and died too young. My condolences go out to you. God Bless you..Eddie Young###imported-begin##Eddie Young##imported-end##

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January 15, 2009 at 04:02 PM



“ Our hearts go out to the family of Sherry. He was a good man.##imported-begin##Leo & Barby MacKinnon##imported-end##

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January 15, 2009 at 10:52 AM



“ Darlene,  
Words cannot express the sadness we feel about Sherry's death. Please accept our heartfelt sympathy. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Laura and Scotty Waller##imported-end##

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January 13, 2009 at 02:45 PM



“ I am so pleased and honored to have known Sherry. He was dedicated to making the world a better place and to keep the good the things around for generations yet to come. It was this type of unselfish and compassionate spirit that made him such a great person to work with. His memory will live on in the Nulhegan Basin - a place dear to his heart - Sherry will always occupy a dear part of our heart and memories. Thank you for everything Sherry! Peace be with you... Keith Weaver##imported-begin##Keith M. Weaver##imported-end##

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January 12, 2009 at 05:46 PM



“ Darlene and Karen,

*Tommy and I are thinking of you and sending prayers of love and comfort your way.*

*Much love,*

*Erin##imported-begin##Erin & Tommy Lucas##imported-end##*

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January 12, 2009 at 12:23 PM



“ To the entire Belknap family;

*Please accept my deepest sympathy in the passing of your Husband and Dad. I had the pleasure of visiting with Sherry on numerous occasions when he was visiting Lancaster. He was always willing to share with me the happenings in the beautiful Town of Bloomfield. He was such a nice man to chat with. I have family in Bloomfield who he was (of course) familiar with. My thoughts and prayers are with you and May God Bless Sherry. Michele Conners##imported-begin##Michele Conners##imported-end##*

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January 12, 2009 at 12:09 PM



“ Sherry will be sorely missed. He was a tremendous partner for the Nulhegan Basin Division of the Silvio o. Conte NFWR and a true advocate for the resource and our mission. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.##imported-begin##Holly Gaboriault##imported-end##

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January 12, 2009 at 10:53 AM



“ I was shocked to hear the news of Sherry passig away, I didn't realize he was ill.[I have been living in WI. for 4 years now with my husband] I am so very sorry for your loss. I remember growing up in Colebrook and my chum "Gina Hamel" and I hung out together. We often would see Sherry drive through town with the canteen truck. He always had a great big smile and a wave for us! He really was a very nice person, he will surely be missed.##imported-begin##Terrie Nelepovitz [Mercer]##imported-end##

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January 11, 2009 at 07:14 PM



“ Darlene, Karen, Mike and family,  
I am very sorry to hear about Sherry. He was a great guy. I have lots of fond memories of him when I would stay up in Bloomfield or over at West Pond with Mike. My thoughts are with you all.  
Tom##imported-begin##Tom Allin##imported-end##

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January 10, 2009 at 08:29 PM



“ Darlene, Karen and family,  
We were so sorry to hear of Sherry's passing. Our thoughts are with you in your time of sorrow. Sherry was truly a man of vision and conviction. His tireless efforts have ensured that a piece of his beloved great "North Woods" will remain unscathed for generations to come. May your memories of the love he had for his family and for his community help comfort you.  
Love.  
Lynne and Don##imported-begin##Lynne and Don Messier##imported-end##

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January 10, 2009 at 06:00 PM



“ *DARLENE, KAREN AND FAMILY: YOU KNOW MY HEART IS WITH YOU RIGHT NOW. DARLENE YOU KNOW I'M HERE FOR YOU IF YOU NEED ANYTHING. MY LOVE AND PRAYERS TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY AND MY PRAYERS FOR SHERRY. LOVE LORRAINE##imported-begin##LORRAINE HARDING##imported-end##*

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January 10, 2009 at 03:24 PM



“ *Darlene, I am sorry to hear of Sherry's passing. It was a very long time ago I first met Sherry. He was working for Canteen vending company and would make daily visits to Manchester MFG. He was always fun to be around. I will pray for you and your family.##imported-begin##Scott and Lynn Berry##imported-end##*

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January 09, 2009 at 10:20 PM