



## Stephen L. Fontaine

December 8, 1948 - September 2, 2014

BEECHER FALLS – Stephen L. Fontaine, 65, of Beecher Falls, Vt., passed away peacefully on Tuesday, Sept. 2, 2014, at the Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital in Colebrook, following a year-and-a-half long battle with cancer, and with his wife at his side.

Steve was born in Newport, Vt., on Dec. 8, 1948, a son to Lawrence and Gertrude (Cheney) Fontaine. After high school, he trained in Manchester, NH, in auto mechanics, but later returned to the north country and worked at the Beecher Falls Division of Ethan Allen, and then for many years as a foreman at Tillotson Rubber Co. in Dixville. He retired from The Balsams in 2012 as a boiler operator.

Steve married Patsy Blanchard in June of 1975, and together they took off on a 900 Kawasaki motorcycle for a fairytale honeymoon.

He loved his family and always made sure he provided all that they needed. Steve would attempt to fix any house, appliance or car problem by himself before calling a repairman. He also enjoyed learning and was an avid reader. His interests included watching movies, dogs, books, fishing, tinkering on cars, feeding the crows and being in his motorboat.

He is survived by his wife of 39 years, Patsy Fontaine of Beecher Falls; a son,

Stephen James Fontaine and his wife Lauren of Ohio; his father, Lawrence Fontaine of Derby, Vt.; a brother, Dennis Fontaine and wife Nancy of Twin Mountain, NH; a sister, Laurie Fontaine of Derby, Vt.; two bright-eyed grandsons, Tyler & Gavin Fontaine of Ohio; four nephews, Bryan & Chris Fontaine, and Justin & Seth Blanchard; four nieces, Melanie Walker, Brittany & Courtney Blanchard, and Sarah Fontaine; his brother-in-law, Tal Blanchard and wife Maureen of Beecher Falls; his sister-in-law, Betsy Fontaine of Norton, Vt.; and his beloved and faithful canine companion, Alvin.

He is preceded in death by his son Matthew in 2003; his beloved brother Sherman Fontaine in 1996; and his mother in 2013.

There will be no public calling hours. A memorial service will be held at the Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home in Colebrook on Thursday, Sept. 11, 2014, at 1 p.m.

Expressions of sympathy in memory of Mr. Fontaine may be made to the Two Rivers Ride for Cancer, c/o R. Mulliken, Spring St., Colebrook, NH 03576.

Condolences may be offered to the family on-line by going to [www.jenkinsnewman.com](http://www.jenkinsnewman.com).

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

# Cemetery Details

## Canaan Village Cemetery

Christian Hill Road, VT Route 253  
Canaan, VT

# Previous Events

## Service

SEP 11. 1:00 PM (ET)

Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home  
103 Main Street  
Colebrook, NH 03576  
(603) 237-4311  
[info@jenkinsnewman.com](mailto:info@jenkinsnewman.com)

# Tribute Wall

FB

“ Our hearts go out to you and your family, Patsy. We continue to think of you and wish you strength and comfort.  
*Marc & Fran Bigney*

Francine bigney - October 08, 2014 at 12:03 PM

WN

“ Our deepest condolences to you Patsy and all your family. Our thoughts and prayers are for all of you.

Walter & Suzelle Noyes - September 11, 2014 at 02:16 PM

CC

“ We're so sorry for your loss Patsy. Our thoughts and prayers are going out to you, your son Stephan and families. Though your heart is broken, know that your loves, Stephan and Matt are watching over you and will carry you through. Peace and blessings to you,  
*Love Keenan and Chantal*

Chantal Carney - September 10, 2014 at 07:56 PM



“ Our Condolences to you and your family for the loss of a great guy. I will always have fond memories of visiting every summer. I wish there were something I could do to ease the pain ,just know that he is no longer suffering

*Our prayers are for you and your family  
Roy and Janice Fontaine*

Roy Fontaine - September 10, 2014 at 11:58 AM

BC

“ Our Deepest Sympathy to Our dear Patsy and Family.what great lost.no words can express what you are all going threw . Our thought and prayers are with.  
Love you Brendon and Carmen.



**Brendon and Carmen** - September 09, 2014 at 09:17 PM

TG

“ Our deepest condolences on your loss. We can picture Steve at " the pearly gates", gold tooth gleaming, telling St. Peter: "You know.....there was a better way to do this." Rest in peace, Steve Fontaine.

**Tim and Rita Germain** - September 08, 2014 at 11:42 AM

JM

“ Our sincerest condolences Patsy & family.  
John & Sue Morrissey

**John and Sue Morrissey** - September 08, 2014 at 09:09 AM

JA

“ To the Fontaine family our sincere condolenes for loss of Stephen. I didnt know him well, just that we were cousins. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you during your sorrow. God bless you. Your cousin Joanne (Patenaude) and Mike Aulis

**Joanne Aulis** - September 06, 2014 at 07:12 PM

FC

“ All our condolences Patsy, to your son and all the family. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. If you kneed anything, don't hesitate, CALL.

**Francine & Andre Champagne** - September 06, 2014 at 06:05 PM

PS

“ Patsy and family. My deepest sympathies to you on the lost of Stephen. You will be in my prayers and Patsy we all miss you. Pam Smith

Pam Smith - September 06, 2014 at 03:14 PM

LB

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family at this time. Thinking of you, Patsy.

Lisa Boudle - September 06, 2014 at 01:49 PM

LC

“ OUR CONDOLENCES TO YOU PATSY ON THE LOSS OF STEVE, OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU. YOUR FRIENDS, LOIS COUTTS AND JUDY GROVER. GOD BE WITH YOU.

LOIS COUTTS - September 06, 2014 at 08:12 AM

TF

“ Theresa Ferren lit a candle in memory of Stephen L. Fontaine



theresa ferren - September 05, 2014 at 11:44 AM

TF

“ So sorry for your loss patsy wish I could be there for u my prayers for u r

theresa ferren - September 05, 2014 at 11:43 AM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Stephen L. Fontaine.*



September 05, 2014 at 11:32 AM



“ *My deepest sympathy to all the family. I was the Director at the Alice Ward Memorial Library in Canaan for the last eleven years and Stephen was a regular patron. I always enjoyed his visits to the library. He will be very missed!*

**Deborah Gadwah-Lambert** - September 05, 2014 at 07:13 AM



“ *Rita Johnson lit a candle in memory of Stephen L. Fontaine*



**Rita Johnson** - September 04, 2014 at 04:41 PM



“ *Patsy,  
At times like these there are no easy words to say. Just know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and your whole family.*

*Rita and Dennis Johnson*

**Rita Johnson** - September 04, 2014 at 04:40 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Stephen L. Fontaine.*



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September 04, 2014 at 12:45 PM



“ *Pasty, Thoughts and prayers to you and your family. So sorry for your loss.*

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**Eddie Brousseau** - September 04, 2014 at 12:43 PM



“ *Patsy, Our hearts ache for you at this difficult time. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. Your devotion and love for Steve was a blessing and comfort to him and an inspiration to those around you. May our Lord wrap his loving arms around you and give you peace and comfort now and in the days ahead. With deepest sympathy, Richard and Barbara Howland*

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**Barbara Howland** - September 04, 2014 at 08:49 AM



“ *Patsy & Family I am so sorry for your loss. Steve was a very nice man & you were a wonderful wife to him. If you need anything please don't hesitate to ask. Love you, Michael & Erin Blanchard*

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**Erin Blanchard** - September 03, 2014 at 07:40 PM

SL

“ Patsy so sorry for your loss . If you need anything please call. I am right down the road. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and family.

*Scott and Conni*

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**scott leigh** - September 03, 2014 at 04:54 PM

LW

“ Dear Patsy,

*We are so sorry to hear about the loss of your husband. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family in this difficult time. My you find some comfort in knowing that father and son are reunited and watching over you. They will always be with you in spirit. May God bless you.*

*Louise & Wayne*

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**Louise & Wayne Washburn** - September 03, 2014 at 04:44 PM

KB

“ Keith And Billie Brockney lit a candle in memory of Stephen L. Fontaine



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**Keith and Billie Brockney** - September 03, 2014 at 04:34 PM

LB

“ Patsy, I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Steve. Please call me for any reason, time does not matter, I am still a night owl and do not go to bed until 2am or after. I left you my number on your answering machine. Steve will be missed. He was a good man. Again, I am so sorry for your loss.

Love you,  
Linda Blanchard

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**Linda Blanchard** - September 03, 2014 at 04:33 PM

TB

“ Patsy , SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS.

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**THELMA BAKER** - September 03, 2014 at 04:25 PM

MB

“ Patsy, I am so sorry for your loss. If you need anything please let me know.

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**Micheline Brooks** - September 03, 2014 at 03:30 PM

LA

“ Love you forever Steve~tell Mom and Sherm I miss and love them too.



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**Laurie** - September 03, 2014 at 02:22 PM

FA

Lots of great memories from the campground especially all of us sitting around Denny's fire ring enjoying the summer evenings. RIP Steve.

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**Faith & Wally Adair** - September 03, 2014 at 04:49 PM

DL

“ To our dear friend Patsy,  
We send you and your family our deepest sympathy we know there are no words that can make the hurting any easier, but know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. Your life with Steve was so loving and caring something many people only wish of having and he was so lucky to have such a wonderful woman by his side. You are and amazing person and have brought so much joy to so many people even when you had so much sadness in yours. We love you Patsy and you will always be a special friend to us. May God bless you and Keep you safe.  
Danny and Susan

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**Daniel and Susan Lepine** - September 03, 2014 at 12:53 PM

JD

“ My Dearest Patsy: Please accept my heartfelt sympathy in the loss of your husband, Stephen. He put up a valiant fight to overcome this terrible disease. May he now rest in peace in the Lord's loving arms, and may the loving, wonderful memories you have with him and love from friends get you through this. I love your laugh, your smile, and your always positive attitude. Julie Daley



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**Julie Daley** - September 03, 2014 at 11:10 AM