



## Thelma A. Leighton

September 20, 1932 - September 3, 2018

LEMINGTON - Thelma A. Leighton, 85, died at her daughter and son-in-law's home in Lemington, Vt., on Monday, September 3rd, 2018, after a long period of declining health.

She was born on September 20th, 1942, the second oldest of 4 daughters born to Percy H. Leighton and Virginia (Whitcomb) Leighton. She was predeceased by her three sisters and their husbands – Ina Doolan (Ernie), Irene Tanner(Neil) and Patricia Hilvar(Spencer).

Thelma was born and raised in Easton, NH, attended school and graduated from Dow Academy in Franconia. Upon entering the work force, she worked at the Littleton Stamp Company, the Littleton Telephone Company, and then for New England Power Company for many years, retiring from there when she developed macular degeneration in her 50s and was no longer able to work. When they moved their offices to Lebanon, NH, she made the difficult decision to stay with the company, which necessitated learning how to drive, and then commuted weekly between Lebanon and Easton; expertly balancing a career and being a single mother to her daughter. When she retired, she moved back to Easton full-time to take care of her aging mother, and managed the house that her parents had built together. After the death of her mother, she made the decision to sell the house and moved to Colebrook to be near her daughter and family. She helped care for her three grandsons,

and was always looking for anything to do to help, even helping pick up and rake rocks on the football field in Columbia when her son-in-law helped get a football team started, and cheered on all three grandsons at every game she could get to. As her health began to deteriorate, she came to live with her daughter and son-in-law until her passing.

Thelma is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Charles Young of Lemington, three grandsons, Sebastian, Dominic and Josiah, and special “grandson” Brandon Cross. She is also survived by another very special grandson, Eric Ward of Errol, NH; special niece Lori Sherburn (Stanley) of Franconia and niece-in-law, Kathy Doolan of Georges Mills, and a very extended loving family of nieces, grand-nieces & nephews, step-grandchildren and many other friends and relatives. Her daughter states that she “was the nicest person I ever knew,” with never a negative word for anyone. She maintained contact with many of her relatives and co-workers, sending birthday cards and Christmas cards, and giving an occasional call to see how they were doing.

Thelma was predeceased by a special friend, Herbert G. Brooks of Franconia, her father and mother, her three sisters, a nephew and niece, cousins and other dear friends and relatives.

There will be no public calling hours. Burial will take place in the Kinsman Valley Cemetery in Easton, with a Celebration of Life to be held at a time and place to be determined by the family. The family asks that if anyone wishes, contributions in Thelma’s memory be made to the Orleans/Essex VNA & Hospice, Inc., 46 Lakemont Road, Newport VT 05855, who helped tremendously with her care so that she could remain at home; or to a charity of their choice, as she had many charities that she supported.

Arrangements are being made under the direction of Jenkins & Newman

Funeral Home in Colebrook.

# Tribute Wall

KW

“ Linda and Family, We are so sorry for your loss. Thelma was the nicest lady and the best neighbor. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. Kacie, Karen & Craig

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**KAREN WEED** - September 12, 2018 at 02:34 PM

SG

“ Oh Linda and family I am so so sorry she was indeed the nicest person I ever knew also  
Never ever said a bad word about anyone  
Kind sincere giving and loving  
So many memories my heart pours out to you  
Take comfort in knowing you were her life, she loved you beyond words and boosted about you and your sons! I feel like I know them she was proud of them you were and are a great daughter hugs to you 🥺  
Susan I Gilbert (paquette)

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**susan I gilbert** - September 09, 2018 at 07:47 PM

LB

“ Linda and Family,  
So sorry to hear about your Mom. She was a beautiful person and cared dearly for her family! she was able to stay home because of her devoted family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.  
Lisa, Michael, Katelyn & Nicholas Bouchard

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**Lisa Bouchard** - September 06, 2018 at 07:26 PM

EJ

“ To Linda and Charlie: So sorry for the loss of your mother, Thelma. She was a kind and special lady with a beautiful soul. Because of your support and care, she was able to spend her last days at home. May she rest in peace.

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**Elaina Johnson** - September 06, 2018 at 06:04 PM

SC

“ Linda, Charlie and family, So sorry! You were blessed to have this wonderful lady in your lives. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

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**Stacey Campbell** - September 06, 2018 at 11:42 AM

KR

“ Love and prayers to you and your family at this difficult time of loss in your lives!

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**Kathleen (Jordan) Reed** - September 06, 2018 at 11:18 AM

DL

“ Linda and Family,so sorry for your loss. She was a Beautiful Lady. I'm glad I had the pleasure of meeting her. Your all in my thoughts and prayers.



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**Donna Lapierre** - September 06, 2018 at 10:53 AM