



## Theresa C. Brooks

March 19, 1935 - November 8, 2020

CLARKSVILLE – Theresa Claire Marie (Cote) Brooks, 85, of Clarksville, passed away at the Catholic Medical Center in Manchester, NH, on Sunday, Nov. 8, 2020, after a sudden illness. She was born to the late Frank and Jeanette (Poirier) Cote on March 19, 1935, in Berlin, NH.

God came and took Theresa by the hand and gave her angel wings, and took her to heaven where she could be without pain and join her loved ones that passed before her. Any one of us who were fortunate to have known her was blessed to have this wonderful woman in their lives. Even if she had just met you, it didn't take long before you were in the house having something delicious that she had made. It didn't matter who you were, a neighbor, friend, relative, or oil man, you did not go away without something to eat. We have to laugh thinking back on some of the grandchildren's comments over the years. Her favorite was that she "was like the witch in 'Hansel & Gretel' except for a couple of facts... she was nice, she'd feed you, but she didn't try to eat us." Every one of the grandchildren, without fail, would look forward to getting into her cookie jar. Theresa was the kindest, most giving, loving and understanding woman that God had given us. If there was ever a heart made of gold, it was hers. Our only regret is that we weren't able to have her with us longer. Up in heaven she is pain free and with loved ones. We need to let them love and hold and comfort her now while we take care of each other here on earth and until we can see her again.

Theresa grew up in various places, including Connecticut, Maine, New Hampshire and Rhode Island. She came to live in Clarksville when she was 12 years old. She married her loving husband of 68 years, Lester Brooks on April 26, 1952. Their first residence was on Hall Stream in Pittsburg. They moved to Clarksville in 1958 where they spent many years raising their 4 children. In 1983 they moved to Stewartstown where they lived for two years before returning to their current home.

She was a hard and tireless worker all her life, never stopping a job until it was done and the job was done right. She started working as a child during the Great Depression when child labor laws weren't as prevalent; starting at age 5, she was often required to work picking beans to be sent to soldiers during World War II. Her first official job was as a housekeeper and health aide at the Coos County Nursing Hospital when she was 14 years old and she had moved out on her own. In the 1960s, she was a janitor at the Clarksville School and would ride her bicycle to work carrying 3 of her children with her and who attended the school while she was working. She worked for the Charlie Jackson Farm picking potatoes, also in the 1960s. Her longest job was working in the rough mill at the Ethan Allen factory in Beecher Falls for over 20 years. She worked many years alongside Lester in their Christmas tree farm and maple sugaring operation. But most of all, no matter how hard it was working outside the home, she considered her first job to be a homemaker as her top priority and did a wonderful job doing it.

Theresa had many hobbies that she enjoyed very much. She was the best berry picker in the family and always liked to compare containers to see who picked the most. She was a fierce competitor at Skip Bo and was always three steps ahead of the rest on her next play. She had her television shows that were on a regimented schedule that she knew by heart, "The Price is Right," "Wheel of Fortune," "Dr. Phil" and "America's Got Talent" among her favorites.

She loved to fish and in early retirement, both Theresa and Lester often found on their pontoon boat entertaining family and friends while they toured the area lakes. She was a skilled and avid quilt maker, knitter, and crocheter and there are many of us who have sweaters, scarves, and mittens to wear and doilies for our table tops that we will be able to pass on for generations. She also liked to snowmobile and go 4-wheeling, and doing jigsaw puzzles was also favorite pasttime.

She especially enjoyed the holidays. Theresa loved trick-or-treaters on Halloween and guessing who they were behind those costumes. There was always a big crowd on Thanksgiving and she made sure each and every one was full to the brim and sent home with leftovers. There were so many people at Christmas, but no matter how many, even if an unexpected neighbor or friend dropped by, she made sure everyone had a gift or two that she had put much thought. She never missed an anniversary or birthday and never failed to send a card for each occasion.

Theresa traveled with Lester extensively, often times with family and friends. She visited Niagra Falls, Nova Scotia, Germany, made several cross country trips and had winter homes with Lester in Florida.

She leaves behind by her beloved husband, Lester Brooks, 3 of her children, Martha Brooks (Robert Gadwah), David Brooks (Penney Rancourt,) and Dale Brooks, all residing in Clarksville. She is also survived by one brother, Andrew Cote of Groveton. She also leaves behind grandchildren, Zelda Brooks, Joshua Seeley, Arnold Seeley, Cedric Brooks, Jesse Brooks, Hannah Brooks, Roger Gray, Krista Rodrigue, Dale Delani Brooks and Levi Brooks. Also, she will be remembered by great-grandchildren, Treed Brooks, Tony Gray, Jacob Gray, Lucas Gray, Moriah Gray, Madison Rodrigue and Colby Rodrigue. She also had many nieces, nephews, cousins, other family and friends who she

loved and felt special towards.

She is predeceased by one son, Arnold Brooks; 1 grandson, Terry Brooks; 3 brothers, Hector Cote, Lawrence Cote and Robert Cote; and 4 sisters, Annette Benoit, Cecile Fagnand, Loretta Parker and Yvette Beauchemin.

There are no public calling hours. A graveside interment service will be held at a later date in the Stewartstown Hollow Cemetery, and of which notice will be given.

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

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to the care of Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home, Colebrook, NH.

# Cemetery Details

## **Stewartstown Hollow Cemetery**

NH Route 145  
Stewartstown, NH

# Tribute Wall

SB

“ *My memories of Theresa C. Brooks  
There's was never a dull moment when she  
was around, always uplifting from her heart  
while feeling her warmth from her soul.  
Always greeting me and family with her  
beautiful smile and always with a hug and kind words. She has  
always lifted me up I could feel that from her soul. Her warmth and  
Kindness for extended family was always known, even for those  
who have hardly knew her.*



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**Sandra Boudle** - December 01, 2020 at 03:49 AM

SB

“ *am honored and blessed to have known my special Arnt that  
showed beauty, joy, and love to us all. Remembering her wonderful  
and gentle soul will forever remain in our hearts. She was truly a  
blessing in my life and I will miss her . My family condolences and  
may our prayers help comfort you all*

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**Sandra Boudle** - December 01, 2020 at 03:21 AM

SB

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



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**Sandra Boudle** - December 01, 2020 at 03:18 AM

SB

“ *Lester and Family, I am honored and blessed to have known my special Arnt that showed beauty, joy, and love to us all. Remembering her wonderful and gentle soul will forever remain in our hearts. She was truly a blessing in my life and I will miss her . My family condolences and may our prayers help comfort you all*



Sandra Boudle - December 01, 2020 at 03:14 AM

SB

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Sandra Boudle - December 01, 2020 at 03:02 AM

LB

“ *Lester and Family,*

*So Sorry to hear about Theresa. She was such a beautiful person and so kind. Prayers and thoughts go out to you and your family.  
Lisa, Michael, Katelyn & Nicholas Bouchard*

LISA Bouchard - November 23, 2020 at 03:58 PM

MO

“ this is moriah her great grand daughter i wanna share a time when she was still alive . i remeber one crhismas she gave me a neckless i still have it to this day right now i have a book that im righting about her so if you got any memory's about her can you please tell me

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**moriah** - November 23, 2020 at 10:34 AM



“ Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." was purchased for the family of Theresa C. Brooks.



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November 23, 2020 at 08:36 AM

MW

“ Hello, I have a camp/home on Clarksville Pond. I met Theresa a few years ago. Reading the Obit you & your family have written was wonderful to read. Knowing her whole life all of you were blessed to have her to share. Sorry for the loss in such a hard time in the world today. May your family keep and love her in your memories forever.

*Mary Wilson*

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**Mary Wilson** - November 19, 2020 at 12:28 AM

CD

“ Meeting Theresa was like being in the presence of an angel. Her hospitality was spectacular and she had never met me before. I can say I saw God in her.

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**Cindy Dunbar** - November 17, 2020 at 07:52 PM

SB

“ I LOVE YOU GUYS!!!!  
Susan

*I only learn from the library computers right now. PLEASE DO NOT ACCEPT ANY GRIEVENCE COUSELORS, OR GIFTED FOOD. IT IS ALL UNSAFE. PLEEEEEEEASE.*

*I LEAVE MESSAGES ONLY THIS WAY BECAUSE I HAVE NO OTHER WAYS. I LEFT ONE ON NETTIE'S SITE AS WELL. PLEASE SHUT PEOPLE OUT. I CANNOT GET OUT OF PLYMOUTH WITHOUT SOMEONE GETTING HARMED.*

*I LOVE YOU GUYS,*

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**SUSAN BROOKS** - November 16, 2020 at 04:21 PM

EK

“ *Lester and family,  
such a tragic loss of a warm and vibrant woman. The picture you posted is Theresa to the core. Please accept our sincere condolences.*

*Emily and Bruce Katz*

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**Emily (Perina) Katz** - November 16, 2020 at 01:41 PM

SB

“ *Sorry for the loss of you Aunt,  
Sheryl Bennett*

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**Sheryl Bennett** - November 15, 2020 at 05:26 PM



“ *Lester and family,  
My condolences on everyone's loss of Theresa. I always enjoyed her spirit and smile- whenever I saw her she had a way of sharing that. She was a mighty little lady! The McConnell clan will all miss her.*

*Sharon Nelson Pearson*

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**Sharon Pearson** - November 15, 2020 at 09:40 AM



“ *Lester, David & family,  
So sorry for your loss, our hearts go out to you. We will always remember her wonderful smile. May your happy memories help you through this difficult time.. Keeping you in our prayers.  
Mike & Lynn Tordo & Eddie*

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**lynn tordo** - November 15, 2020 at 07:01 AM



“ *Uncle Lester, Martha, David and Dale,  
  
I am so sad to hear of Aunt Theresa's passing. I know she is in Heaven with the angels. I loved her laugh and that smile. I absolutely loved her so much. Remember all the things about her that made you smile. God Bless each one of you at this difficult time.*

*Love Judy and Herb*

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**Judith Brooks** - November 14, 2020 at 08:37 PM

J(

“ I love the picture. Looks just like we all saw her so often. A dear friend. My heart goes out to you for your loss. God Bless. Joy Webster

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**Joy Webster (Dobens)** - November 14, 2020 at 05:11 PM

RO

“ Lester & family, So sorry for your loss. She was a wonderful lady. Always had a smile and a kind word.

*Rosalie & Naida Owen*

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**Rosalie B Owen** - November 14, 2020 at 04:04 PM

BH

“ Lester, Martha, David, and Dale

*It's hard to put feelings into words right now. We feel your sorrow and your pain. We're blessed to have such great relatives. We have so many good memories ourselves. Theresa was such a wonderful person. She was always so kind and positive and upbeat. She never had a bad word for anyone. You have such a tremendously large extended family because she made us family.*

*We send you our sympathy and more importantly our love.*

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**Barbara and Bradley Hann** - November 14, 2020 at 07:12 AM

BD

“ *I heart goes out to Lester, Martha, David and Dale*

*Your mom had a great smile and was always kind to me She will be missed but god took another special angel.*

*Barb (Lyons) Daley*



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**barbara daley** - November 13, 2020 at 04:34 PM

LH

*Theresa has been a great neighbor since I moved in with Charles many years ago. She always had a smile and a wave each day. When I was going through cancer treatments, she'd often call to check on me, sending up flowers, or home baked goodies. I will miss our porch conversations as I visited our mailbox.*

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**Laurel Hemon** - November 14, 2020 at 04:22 PM

CB

“ *Lester, Martha, David and Dale*

*I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Theresa. I loved those big hugs she gave from such a tiny person. As I sit here thinking of all the memories we have shared from Saturday family nights at grammie and grampa's to sleepovers and going with my mom and the aunt's to pick potatoes. That I had forgotten about. They all make me smile, not as big as hers and that beautiful, loving laugh of hers. Still I am smiling and I hope they all make you smile as well. I feel blessed to have had her as my aunt for so many years. I love you all and share you grief. Cindy*



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**Cindy Brigham** - November 13, 2020 at 04:13 PM

LO

“ So sorry for your loss Lester and Dale what a wonderful person she was my prayers and thoughts are with you , Lorraine and Henry (Neil sister)

lorraine - November 13, 2020 at 01:13 PM

RM

“ Such a beautiful Spul



Rose Marois - November 13, 2020 at 11:28 AM

RM

Such a beautiful Soul above typo

Rose Marois - November 13, 2020 at 11:29 AM

DS

“ Only met you through Facebook but knew instantly that you were a fantastic person and virtual friend. My condolences for the family you've left behind but fly high amongst the clouds and dance with the Angel's. Be at peace n keep her memories alive. God bless

Deanna Dunster n Bill Smith sr - November 13, 2020 at 09:20 AM



“ Oh I am so sad to hear this. I worked with Theresa at Ethan Allen and she was everything you said. Such a nice, kind woman and though I have not seen her in many decades I never forgot her. God be with all of you, she was a very special woman.

Linda Raymond - November 13, 2020 at 09:13 AM

AH

“ I loved her smile and laughs always gave you a hug and was always happy, when I would see her she would make my day love you aunt Theresa you will be deeply missed❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️

anna howe - November 13, 2020 at 09:06 AM

DL

“ We were so lucky to have known Theresa. We have a camp up on the mountain and always looked forward to Theresa and Lester making their way in and stopping to talk, or sitting on the porch with them at their camp. She was the sweetest kindest lady you could know. We will miss her but know she is looking down on all her loved ones here on earth. Thinking of you all at this difficult time. Fondly  
Bill & Donna Lancaster  
Grantham, NH



Donna Lancaster - November 13, 2020 at 08:37 AM

JB

“ My deepest condolences on your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with each of you. She was a very special woman, and she certainly will be missed by those who knew her.



Judy Hunt Budge - November 13, 2020 at 08:30 AM

FC

“ We will miss her smile, she was a wonderful lady. Our sympathy to Lester, Martha all the family and friends. " from Francine & Andre Champagne”



Francine Champagne - November 13, 2020 at 07:29 AM

MB

I well always remember her known her even before either one of us wear merried we worked together when the county was still the hospital she was a wonderful person she always like to give hugs.

Marion Brooks - November 13, 2020 at 10:43 AM

CC

“ Calvin Crawford lit a candle in memory of Theresa C. Brooks



Calvin Crawford - November 13, 2020 at 05:29 AM

LB

“ I am heartbroken to hear of Aunt Theresa passing. She was one of the most wonderful people I knew, always so thoughtful and kind hearted . I am so fortunate to have had her for an aunt, staying at her house as a child and again as an adult, enjoying just visiting with her. She will always hold a special place in my heart. May God give you comfort in all the beautiful memories you shared. I will miss her. I am certain she holds a special place in Heaven alongside the Angels.



Lana Brooks - November 12, 2020 at 08:55 PM

RH

“ Scott and Roxanne Haynes lit a candle in memory of Theresa C. Brooks.



Roxanne Haynes - November 12, 2020 at 08:21 PM

JM

“ Our sincerest condolences to your family Theresa. RIP

John and Sue Morrissey - November 12, 2020 at 07:56 PM

WN

“ Our deepest condolences to Lester and all her family! Theresa was always so very pleasant to visit with and her beautiful smile will always be remembered! RIP Theresa

Walter Suzelle Noyes - November 12, 2020 at 07:39 PM

RK

“ Rosalie King lit a candle in memory of Theresa C. Brooks



Rosalie King - November 12, 2020 at 07:32 PM

DC

“ Aunt Theresa you are definitely an angel...you gave my dad one of your kidneys so he could be with us longer.You are the sweetest lady I know.Love you so much and give mom and dad a hug.Love you and RIP.



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**Donna Cote** - November 12, 2020 at 07:22 PM

JC

“ Jan Corliss lit a candle in memory of Theresa C. Brooks



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**Jan Corliss** - November 12, 2020 at 06:09 PM