



The Rev. Robert D. Bryan

February 26, 1919 - December 6, 2009

WEST STEWARTSTOWN, NH – The Reverend Robert D. Bryan, 90, of West Stewartstown, NH, passed away early Sunday afternoon, December 6, 2009, at the Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital in Colebrook, NH.

Robert was born on Hall Stream in Pittsburg, NH, on February 26, 1919, a son of the late Robert H. Bryan and Mary (Parrish) Bryan.

He served with honor in the U.S. Army in the European theater during World War II. Following his service, he returned to northern NH and began his career as a meat-cutter for more than 60 years, first for G.B. Currier Co., and later for Solomon's Store in West Stewartstown. Later in his life, to fill an urgent local need, Bob became an ordained Episcopal priest, and he served as the Vicar at St. Paul's Church, just across the river in Canaan, Vt., for more than 25 years.

He was a renowned storyteller with a wonderful sense of humor. Bob was also known as West Stewartstown's unofficial historian. He will be remembered as a loving husband, father, uncle, brother, and a friend to many, many people in the northern parts of both NH and Vt.

Rev. Bryan is survived by his wife, Gretchen (Pearson) Bryan of West Stewartstown, NH; three sons, Robert J "Butch" Bryan and wife Yvonne, of

Dover, NH, Lyle P. Bryan and wife Joni of Spokane, Wash., and David Bryan and companion Carol Lesnik, of Lake Worth, Fl.; five grandchildren; as well as nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, a son, Jeffrey Bryan, in 1966, and two sisters, Uldine W. Hornsby and Shirley Caldwell.

Calling hours will be held at the Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home in Colebrook, NH, on Wednesday, December 9, from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. A funeral service will be held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church on River Road, in Canaan, Vt., on Thursday, December 10, at 11:00 a.m., concelebrated by The Rev. Robert Lee, The Rev. Marlyn Neary, The Rev. Rose Howe, and The Rev. Ronald Owen. An interment service with military honors will be held in the spring at the Colebrook Village Cemetery.

Expressions of sympathy in memory of Rev. Bryan may be made to St. Paul's Episcopal Church, c/o Rev. Robert Lee, 51 Park Street, Canaan, Vt, 05903.

Condolences may be offered to the family on-line by going to www.jenkinsnewman.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 9. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home
103 Main Street
Colebrook, NH

Tribute Wall



“ *Mes condoléances Patricia Peacock, et toute la famille de Manon Lafrenais de BULWER*

Manon Lafrenais - December 22, 2018 at 08:45 PM



“ *Robert - rest well. You have been a good husband, father, relative, friend and colleague. We love you and respect you and will miss you very, very much. You will be missed for your wonderful tales, your wonderful kindness and inclusiveness. Thank you Robert. Yvonne Bryan (Butch's wife).##imported-begin##Yvonne Bryan##imported-end##*

December 14, 2009 at 05:22 PM



“ *We were sad to learn of Bob's passing. He certainly had a positive impact on the people who knew and loved him.##imported-begin##Les and Pat Klinefelter##imported-end##*

December 11, 2009 at 09:04 AM



“ *Butch, Lyle & Davee, Work and the weather presented obstacles I was unable to overcome, preventing me from paying my respects in person. Your Dad clearly contradicted the saying “only the good die young”. I'll miss his updates on your where abouts. He loved you and was proud of each of you. Take care.##imported-begin##Norman 'Noah' Frizzell##imported-end##*

December 11, 2009 at 06:57 AM



“ I'm so sorry to here of your Dad's passing. I have many fond memories of your Dad when I worked with him as his assistant meat cutter back in 1964 and 1965. We did a lot of laughing, especially when John was around. Please accept my sincere condolences.

Francis###imported-begin###Francis & Nickie Noel###imported-end###

December 09, 2009 at 05:47 PM



“ Butch, Lyle, Davee and families--
My thoughts are with you all at this time of loss. Your parents are wonderful people. When I drive by their "empty" house I always feel bad that they have not been able to be home. Cherish your memories!###imported-begin###Pat Banfill###imported-end###

December 09, 2009 at 01:34 PM



“ I feel grateful that I had the opportunity to get to know such a nice wonderful man. I enjoyed visiting with him and listening to his memories about the area, the dance halls, raising his family and a little Parrish family history I hadn't heard before. I'll think of him whenever I hear "In the Mood"###imported-begin###Marie Parker###imported-end###

December 09, 2009 at 11:43 AM



“ Our condolences to the family of Bob Bryan. Roland enjoyed working with Bob immensely. He loved his sense of humor and looked forward to seeing him at the store. Surely there will be laughter in heaven now. God bless, Patty and Roland Hart###imported-begin###Patty Hart###imported-end###

December 08, 2009 at 05:57 PM



“ Many thoughts and prayers to all of Bob's family. We have many fond memories, both from church, and also all the times he butchered our beef cows. Mike started being an altar boy under Bob's direction, and then he always wanted "Father Bryan" to butcher his beef.

Ginger & Mike Jannenga##imported-begin##Ginger Jannenga##imported-end##

December 08, 2009 at 09:23 AM



“ Butch and family: Brenda called me this morning to tell me of your loss. Pete, Mom and I would like to express our deepest sympathy to you and your family. We are grateful for having known your Dad. He was a wonderful man. God bless.##imported-begin##Mary Etta (Thibeault) Dowse##imported-end##

December 07, 2009 at 12:28 PM



“ Grampa-I will love you forever. You will be in my heart eternally. I'm so glad I got to spend time with you this summer. You were such a great man, grandfather, and unofficial town mayor. I miss you. I know you will be watching over all of us now. Your first granddaughter, Bethany##imported-begin##Bethany Bryan##imported-end##

December 07, 2009 at 12:09 PM