



## Thomas A. Mercer Jr.

May 29, 1958 - August 14, 2014

COLEBROOK – Thomas A. Mercer, Jr., 56, of Colebrook, passed away very unexpectedly at his home on Thursday evening, Aug. 14, 2014.

Born in West Stewartstown on May 29, 1958, he was the son of Thomas Mercer and Irene Bryant. Tom was a 1976 graduate of Colebrook Academy. He later studied automobile mechanics and auto-body repair at the technical college in Berlin and later at a school in Georgia. Tom worked at The Balsams in many different departments during his college summer breaks, as well. In the mid-80s, he married Debra Hall, and they began to raise their family in the Manchester area while Tom worked in the auto-body field.

For the last seven years, Tom was the owner and administrator of Colebrook's only assisted living facility, the Van Dyke House, where he was much loved by his residents.

Tom was an outgoing personality, who loved his family dearly. He was an avid golfer and he also loved to ski and snowmobile. He loved to be outdoors, and had recently taken up hunting with his brother. He was a wonderful father, brother and uncle, and was looking forward to becoming a grandfather in the very near future. He will be dearly missed by all his family and friends.

He is survived by his three children, twins Christopher Mercer (Danielle) and

Stephen Mercer (Elizabeth), and his daughter Emily Mercer, all of Manchester; his best friend and life partner, Michelle Goudreau of Colebrook; his mother, Irene (Bryant) Bean (Val) of Colebrook; his father, Thomas Mercer, Sr. (Jean) of Friendsville, Tenn.; six siblings, Connie (Dan) Goodrum of Pocohontas, Ill., Donna Mercer of Brattleboro, Vt., Terrie Nelepovitz (John) of North Haverhill, NH, Daniel Mercer (Chris) of Colebrook; Kathy Mercer of Frankestown, NH, and Jaunita Field (Scott) of Hooksett, NH; one grandson soon-to-be-born, Sawyer Thomas Mercer; as well as numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

He is preceded in death by a brother, Jacob Bean.

A graveside committal at the Colebrook Village Cemetery, followed by a celebration of Tom's life, will be held in early October, public notice of which will be given.

Expressions of sympathy in memory of Tom may be made to Helping Hands, 119 Main 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

## **Colebrook Village Cemetery**

North Main Street, U.S. Route 3  
Colebrook, NH

# Tribute Wall

LM

“ I knew Tom when he lived in Georgia, he will always have a special place in my heart.

*Lois Murray*

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**Lois Murray** - February 08, 2016 at 05:48 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Thomas A. Mercer Jr..



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October 03, 2014 at 09:26 AM

CC

“ I am so sad to hear this news. Tommy and I had so many good times together. When I think of those they bring a smile to me stay with me forever. He was a great guy and a very great friend. I will miss him deeply. My heart felt condolences go out to his family and loved ones. *Chris Caggiula*

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**Chris Caggiula** - September 17, 2014 at 10:29 AM

MS

“ My memories of Tommy will always bring a smile to my heart, but today I am very saddened to hear of his passing. The many laughs and smiles shared with Tommy will never be forgotten. My condolences go out to all family and friends that are also at a loss in Tommy's passing. His recent work establishing the Van Dyke House was very admirable. Tom will be forever missed by all that knew him. Meredith Stevens

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**Meredith Stevens** - September 06, 2014 at 02:33 PM

VP

“ Bright eyes twinkle never ending  
A jovial laugh and smile he was always sending.....that is how I remember Tommy..  
He was like a brother to me....and I loved him like one. His life IS a celebration, and I look forward to seeing you all..  
Vivian Poirier xx

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**Vivian Poirier** - September 05, 2014 at 03:16 PM

DL

“ So sorry to hear this. Like so many others, I have nothing but fond memories of Tommy. He was one of the kindest and gentlest people I have ever known. My sympathies to all his loved ones. Deb Lawton

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**Deb Lawton** - September 04, 2014 at 04:04 PM

SB

“ My deepest sympathy to Tommy's family. He will be greatly missed!

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**Susan Haynes Brown** - September 01, 2014 at 12:35 PM

 LC

*“ I just received the sad news of Tommy's passing. My heart goes out to his family, his life partner, and his friends. He created a warm, loving home to his residents at Van Dyke House and I'm sure he will be sorely missed. I shared many good times with Tommy as we grew up and I will hold those memories close to my heart. May his infectious smile and jovial nature comfort his friends and family as we share the grief of losing a good friend. Hugs All Around, Lisa Caggiula*

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**Lisa Caggiula** - August 28, 2014 at 06:52 AM

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*“ My deepest sympathy to Irene, Michelle and all of Tom's family and friends. Seemed like he always had a smile for everyone. He left his mark on the lives of others and made the world a better place.*

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**Charlie & Marlene Cotton** - August 25, 2014 at 08:25 AM



*“ Such shocking and saddening news. Our sincere condolences to all of Tom's family.  
Eric and Jenn Ward*

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**Eric Ward** - August 23, 2014 at 06:43 PM



*“ What a shock to hear such sad news about Tommy. My sympathy to all of his family. I have such good memories of him during my teenage years. Ellen Klebe DeSisto*

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**Ellen Klebe Desisto** - August 23, 2014 at 04:59 PM

DC

“ I was shocked to hear about Tom's passing. So young and full of life. My heartfelt sympathy goes out his Mother and family who are at such a great loss at this time. He'll be missed by many of us. I'm praying for you to find peace in the coming days ahead.  
Donna Cote

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**donna cote** - August 22, 2014 at 07:34 PM

BW

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

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**Bob Weir** - August 22, 2014 at 11:30 AM

KM

“ Irene, Val and family-Good memories of Tom and all of you from years ago...  
He was a close friend. Please know that you are in Randy and my thoughts and prayers.  
He had a wonderful spirit. Miss him already-Kathy D'Anjou McIntyre

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**Kathy McIntyre** - August 22, 2014 at 06:50 AM

RB

“ Val, Irene and family,  
Our thoughts and prayers are for you..  
Bonnie & Roger Brousseau



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**Roger & Bonnie Brousseau** - August 21, 2014 at 10:06 PM

BA

“ Dear Irene, Val and family,  
So sorry to hear about Tom. What a shock. My heart goes out to  
you all. Barbara

Barbara McKinnon T9ombstone AZ - August 21, 2014 at 03:05 PM

KB

“ Keith And Billie Brockney lit a candle in  
memory of Thomas A. Mercer Jr.



Keith and Billie Brockney - August 21, 2014 at 07:05 AM

TN

“ My big brother, my heart hurts. I love you more. Terrie

Terrie Nelepovitz - August 19, 2014 at 03:20 PM

SB

“ Irene and family and Michelle We are so sorry for your loss. We will  
miss a really nice person. Last time we saw Tom he was smiling  
after a game of golf. Our prayers are with you. Sam and Joan Bird

Sam and Joan Bird - August 19, 2014 at 09:55 AM

RL

“ We are so sorry for your loss.  
Barby and Ralph Lynch

Ralph W. Lynch & Barby M. Pires Lynch - August 19, 2014 at 07:41 AM

CH

“ Michele, I am so sorry to hear of the shocking news, and so very happy that we shared many happy times together. You have been in my thoughts and prayers. Irene you raised a good son who brought much laughter to life. Our Condolences to you all.

*Love Russ and Chris Heath*

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**Christine Heath** - August 19, 2014 at 05:49 AM

BW

“ Val, Irene and family  
Our sincere condolence to you and your family for your great loss. Tommy was a great guy and a friend of our family. He will always be remembered for his smile and his love for the outdoors. You and your family are in our thought and prayers.  
*Bill & Pauline Weir*



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**Bill & Pauline Weir** - August 19, 2014 at 05:38 AM

DP

“ Don Pichette lit a candle in memory of  
Thomas A. Mercer Jr.



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**Don Pichette** - August 18, 2014 at 10:39 PM

DP

*Tom was a great guy and will be sorely missed! My condolences to Michelle Irene and to his whole family!*

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**Don Pichette** - August 18, 2014 at 10:44 PM

DL

“ A great Golfer and a friend. Dolores and I (Denis) did not know him that long but we had some great laughs and fun on the course, especially with my monthly Golf trips. RIP.

*Denis & Dolores Lavoie*

Denise C. Lavoie - August 18, 2014 at 06:22 PM

EG

“ Elaine And Sheldon Gray lit a candle in memory of Thomas A. Mercer Jr.



Elaine and Sheldon Gray - August 18, 2014 at 04:36 PM



“ I will always remember Mammoth Mountain and skiing through "Christmas Tree Land" You were one of the good guys Tommy! You will be missed.

Deb King - August 18, 2014 at 11:33 AM

CB

“ Cindy Brigham lit a candle in memory of Thomas A. Mercer Jr.



Cindy Brigham - August 18, 2014 at 08:16 AM

CB

*So very sorry for the loss of Tom.*

Cindy Brigham - August 18, 2014 at 08:17 AM



Rachel Rodrick

“ *Sorry to hear about your loss Michelle. A lot of great memories,  
Jon and Rachel Rodrick*

Rachel Rodrick - August 18, 2014 at 07:53 AM

SS

“ *Michelle,*

*Mary and I were very sadden to hear about Tom's passing, we will miss seeing you together on the golf course.  
Our thoughts and prayers go out to you,  
Steve & Mary Skinner*



Steve Skinner - August 18, 2014 at 06:53 AM

LB

“ *Linda Blanchard lit a candle in memory of Thomas A. Mercer Jr.*



Linda Blanchard - August 17, 2014 at 10:31 PM

LB

“ *I am saddened to hear of Tom's passing. We graduated together in 1976. I did not know him very well, but know that he will be missed. My thoughts and prayers go out to the family. Linda (Gohlke) Blanchard*

Linda Blanchard - August 17, 2014 at 10:30 PM

JD

“ Michelle, Irene and the Mercer/Bean family. I am so sorry for the sudden loss of Tom. He was a great man, always had a smile on his face, and just loved life. May the great memories and the knowledge that you will see him again one day help you through. Thoughts, prayers and hugs to you all. Julie Daley

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**Julie Daley** - August 17, 2014 at 09:16 PM

LM

“ Renald and I would like to express our sincere sympathy to the Family of Thomas A. Mercer Jr . Our prayers are with you. How sad to hear of his quick passing.

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**Lynn Mathieu** - August 17, 2014 at 05:15 PM

SC

“ Dear Michelle and Irene: I was fortunate to have met Tom this summer sometimes golfing with Michelle and sometimes with a client from the van Dyke house riding shot gun with him in the golf cart. He was always gracious and I admired him so much for taking the time and interest in his assisted living clients and making them part of his fun on the golf course. It takes a special caring person to do that! I am so, so sorry for your loss.

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**Sue Collins** - August 17, 2014 at 01:17 PM

RB

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Tom was one of a kind and will be so dearly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

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**Richard & Judy (Hunt) Budge** - August 17, 2014 at 12:11 PM

BW

*I'm am very sorry to hear about the passing of Tom, we worked together at the Balsam's together and always enjoyed working w/ him. He was a great man*

**Bill Weyrauch** - August 18, 2014 at 05:19 AM

LL

“ *Lois Little lit a candle in memory of Thomas A. Mercer Jr.*



**Lois Little** - August 17, 2014 at 11:36 AM

LL

“ *To My Dear Friends Irene and Val, (and your entire family as well),*

*I am saddened and shocked to learn of Tom's passing. May God help you to somehow find strength to endure the pain of sudden loss, and the comfort of loving memories. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you at this most difficult time, and always.*

**Lois Little** - August 17, 2014 at 11:35 AM

TT

“ *Irene and family, Tom was a wonderful person and will be truly missed in our community. Our sympathies to each of you and God Bless.*

*Michele, I am so sorry for your loss. Hoping happy memories of Tom can ease your pain. God bless you.*

*Tammy & Ray Thivierge*

**Tammy Thivierge** - August 17, 2014 at 10:56 AM

RD

“ Rita & JD Donnell lit a candle in memory of Thomas A. Mercer Jr.



Rita & JD Donnell - August 17, 2014 at 10:52 AM

RI

Val, Irene and family, We will always remember the good times we have had together. We are so sorry for the sudden loss of Tom.

Rita - August 17, 2014 at 10:55 AM

BV

“ Our sincere condolences to all of the family. We are so sorry for your loss. He will be missed by many.

Bob and Lisa Vashaw

Bob and Lisa Vashaw - August 17, 2014 at 09:27 AM

CD

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. We can only image the pain and sorrow you are feeling at this sudden loss of your loved one.

Dan and Cheryl Dube



Cheryl Dube - August 17, 2014 at 09:18 AM

JC

“ *Jan And Phil Corliss lit a candle in memory of Thomas A. Mercer Jr.*



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**Jan and Phil Corliss** - August 17, 2014 at 06:56 AM

JC

*There just are no words.*

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**Jan and Phil Corliss** - August 17, 2014 at 06:58 AM

HH

“ *Our deepest condolences on the family's sudden loss. I can remember Tom parking cars or unloading luggage at the Balsam's when we all worked there. Tom always had a smile and a good word for you anytime.*

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**Haven & Peggy Haynes** - August 17, 2014 at 01:12 AM

PB

“ *Val, Irene and family--Our thoughts are with you all. So sorry for your loss--Bernie and Pat*

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**Pat Banfill** - August 16, 2014 at 11:00 PM

DR

“ *Great day had by all on the sand bar on lake winnisquam. Tom and Michelle Guy and Joane. Thank you for sharing your friends with me. RIP Tom*

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**Dean A Roy** - August 16, 2014 at 07:11 PM

LB

“ I am so saddened by the terrible news of Toms passing. He was a very special friend of mine and I was fortunate to know him. He will always be remembered as a kind soul and someone who could always make people laugh. I will pray that God will free your sorrow, and Tom may you have everlasting peace my friend.



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**Lana Brooks** - August 16, 2014 at 05:41 PM

SS

*I am so saddened and shocked by this terrible news. I haven't seen you in a very long time but remember the times we shared. Rest in Peace Tommy.*

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**Shelley Strout** - August 16, 2014 at 05:45 PM

DP

“ My heartfelt condolences go out to Tom's family.

*Danielle Grondin Pollard*

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**Danielle Pollard** - August 16, 2014 at 05:02 PM

GJ

“ Irene and family - many thoughts and prayers at this sad time.

*Ginger Jannenga*

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**Ginger Jannenga** - August 16, 2014 at 04:58 PM



“ Michelle, I can't tell you how sorry I am about the passing of my good friend Tom. He was truly one of the "Good" guys. I will always remember the kindness you both afforded me the last three summers while I was in Pittsburg. The golf, the dinners, watching the sun go down on the porch and many more lasting memories. I will miss him dearly.  
Ron Chestna



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**Ronald Chestna** - August 16, 2014 at 04:54 PM

VL

“ Vicki Ladd lit a candle in memory of Thomas A. Mercer Jr.



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**Vicki Ladd** - August 16, 2014 at 03:46 PM

VL

So very sorry to hear about Tommy. He was a wonderful human being. Always had a big smile and a warm heart. You will be missed my friend.

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**Vicki Ladd** - August 16, 2014 at 03:47 PM

JD

“ *Jane Dustin lit a candle in memory of Thomas A. Mercer Jr.*



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**Jane Dustin** - August 16, 2014 at 03:09 PM

JD

*So sorry to hear of the sudden loss of your loved one.*

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**Jane Dustin** - August 16, 2014 at 03:10 PM