



Valerie R. Mahnke

November 27, 1961 - November 28, 2020

COLEBROOK – Valerie R. Mahnke, 59, passed away on Saturday, Nov. 28, 2020, at her home in Pittsburg after a long period of declining health.

She was born on Nov. 27, 1961, at the Franklin Memorial Hospital in Farmington, Me., a daughter of George and Margaret (Fletcher) Mahnke. Valerie worked as a CNA at the Coös County Nursing Hospital until an injury prevented her from remaining in that field. She was also a cashier at Lambert’s Grocery Store for a short time, and she worked many years at Nancy’s Video in Colebrook. Her longest job was for 17 years as a case worker for the NH northern mental health services, while at the same time attending Springfield College earning a degree in that field. She later worked in the reservations department at The Balsams until her health prevented her from working.

She always had a smile on her face and never lost her sense of humor. Valerie dearly loved her family, as well as her many cats over the years and her boyfriend’s dog, Teddy. She enjoyed card-making, scrapbooking, and video games, as well as keeping up with family and friends on Facebook. Valerie also enjoyed being a “Stampin’ Up” demonstrator until her health prevented her from doing that as well. She enjoyed reading, surfing the web, and crafts of all kinds. Valerie also loved her flowers and enjoyed gardening and to take road trips with her family to enjoy the foliage in the fall season.

She leaves behind her mother, Margaret Mahnke of Colebrook; two brothers, Karl and Ben Mahnke of Colebrook; her sister, Lisa (Bob) Vashaw of Colebrook; and the love of her life, Gary Jobes of Pittsburg; her niece, Leela (Mike) Buffington, and 3 great-nephews and a great-niece, Moira, Adam, Seth and Jack.

Valerie is predeceased by a brother, Steve in 1986, a sister, Cheryl Cavanaugh in 2016, and her father, George in 2017.

At this time, there are no public calling hours or services scheduled. A family celebration of her life will be at a later date.

Expressions of sympathy in memory of Valerie may be made to the Coös Animal Sanctuary, P.O. Box 345, Colebrook, NH 03576.

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

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

Tribute Wall

FC

“ *My condolences to the family and to her friend Gary Jobes. from Francine Champagne*



Francine Champagne - December 09, 2020 at 02:19 PM

CB

“ *We're so sorry for your loss. Val always had a beautiful smile and always had good things to say about everyone. She will be missed very much. Love and hugs go out to Gary and her precious family.*

Ray and Claire Blanchette

Claire Blanchette - December 06, 2020 at 01:14 PM

DW

“ *So sad to hear of Valerie's passing. Our thoughts and prayers our with her family.*

Donna and Dean Wolf

Donna Wolf - December 05, 2020 at 06:26 AM

BM

“ *Although we lived in Maine and did not get to see cousin Val often, we looked forward to the yearly visits when Val and her parents came down to visit us and also to see Aunt Junie . She will be missed by our family,*

Brian McGrath

Brian McGrath - December 04, 2020 at 03:13 PM

EB

“ To Gary and the Mahnke family, my sincerest condolences at your time of loss.

Eric Brungot - December 03, 2020 at 11:41 AM

JG

“ So sorry to hear about Val's passing. She was a great lady with a good sense of humor I worked with her for many years at the mental health center. She was an amazing lady my thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends.

Janet Goodrum-Goodridge - December 02, 2020 at 08:00 PM

JC

“ Valerie and I worked together At Nancy's Video, many years ago. She was such a delightful woman and so kind. I'm sorry to hear of her passing. May love and light find their way to you all.

Jenn Chenevert - December 01, 2020 at 07:20 PM

DR

“ Sympathies to the family



Diane Roy - December 01, 2020 at 06:59 PM

RK

“ *Rosalie King lit a candle in memory of Valerie R. Mahnke*



Rosalie King - December 01, 2020 at 03:54 PM

KL

“ *Steve & I are saddened to hear of your loss. Val was such a beautiful person, inside & out. I with always cherish my memories of card making and crafting with her. Please know that your family is in our thoughts and prayers.*

Kym Learned - December 01, 2020 at 11:00 AM

JB

“ *My deepest condolences to Valerie's family. Lisa, I am so very sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this very difficult time. Valerie was a wonderful lady and will be missed.*



Judy Hunt Budge - December 01, 2020 at 08:46 AM

EK

“ *To the Mahnke family and Gary we send our deepest sympathy. Valerie touched the hearts and lives of many with her lovely smile and friendly ways.
Sincerely, Emily and Bruce Katz*

Emily (Perina) Katz - December 01, 2020 at 06:56 AM

EJ

“ My condolences to the family. Worked with Valerie when she worked with NH Northern Mental Health Services. She was always a joy to be with and was so kind and loving. She will be missed.

Elaina Johnson - November 30, 2020 at 07:39 PM

BL

“ Gary Jobes, I'm sorry for the loss to you and his family. I met this lovely lady when you brought her to our home for family gatherings. She had a beautiful smile.
Barby Pires Lynch and Ralph Lynch and
The entire Pires family

Barby Pires Lynch - November 30, 2020 at 06:55 PM

MH

“ I remember Val from the Balsams. I worked evenings as a bellman and Val always was a friendly voice. She always had a story to tell. She had a great outlook on life and was a joy to be around.

Mark Hanlon - November 30, 2020 at 06:06 PM

HH

“ Our deepest condolences go out to the family on your loss.

Haven & Peggy Haynes - November 30, 2020 at 05:48 PM

MJ

“ So very sorry to hear of the loss of Valerie. Sending my condolences to the entire family.
With love, Michele Johnsen

Michele Johnsen - November 30, 2020 at 05:22 PM



“ so sorry for your loss Valerie always had something nice to say and had a wonderful smile



Rita Donnell - November 30, 2020 at 05:11 PM



“ So saddened to learn of Val's passing. She was such a kind, wonderful lady. My sincere condolences to her entire family.



Ann Champagne - November 30, 2020 at 11:41 AM