



## Yvette M. Jalbert

July 14, 1927 - March 2, 2023

BURLINGTON, VT— Yvette Jalbert, 95, of Burlington, passed away peacefully on Thursday, March 2nd, 2023, a date that coincided with the 77th anniversary of her marriage to Gaston. She was born on July 14, 1927, in Manchester, New Hampshire, the eldest child of Joseph and Cordélia (Rousseau) Godbout. Her first childhood years were spent in Montreal until the family rented a small tenant farm near East Hereford. There followed several years of hard-scrabble existence aggravated even further by the financial ravages of the Great Depression. Yvette frequently expressed regrets of being unable to pursue a secondary education since she had to assist in the care of siblings and attend to an ailing mother while her father's work as a lumberjack in the Maine woods kept him away from home for extended periods. Seeking better fortunes, the family migrated to Guildhall where Yvette made her acquaintance with Gaston, who would eventually become the love of her life. Following their nuptials, she and Gaston settled in Beecher Falls, residing in one of the houses newly built by the factory where Gaston resumed employment following his army discharge at the end of the war. In this modest post-war house, they raised a family of six children, three boys and three girls in that order. In later years they relocated to Canaan in a house designed by her architect son Bernard, and constructed under the direction of her then son-in-law Robert. This time afforded Yvette and her husband comfort and pride of owning their own home after twenty-six years of renting.

Once her children were old enough to attend school, she worked outside the home at various jobs until she was hired as a furniture decorator at Ethan Allen, a position she maintained for several years until her retirement.

She had a natural talent for engaging young children and found great pleasure babysitting. She was very revitalized by her circle of friends with whom she enjoyed playing cards, “pichenotte” (a French-Canadian disc flicking game), bingo (which took on a fervor only second to religious devotion), or undertaking a daunting puzzle (a “casse-tête” or head splitter). She became known for her arts and crafts, particularly sewing, knitting, crocheting, filet crocheting, quilting, and quilling, many samples of which are in evidence at each of her children’s homes, and which remain enduring tributes to her talent, artistic sensitivities and caring manner. She loved to dance and could jitter-bug with the best of them. She even joined a square-dancing club for a few years. She possessed a fine singing voice and participated in the church choir for a period of time. Even later in life, she was known for warbling sweet melodies as she strolled the hallways of the residence, Converse Home, where she found exceptional support and solace as her memory began to fail.

She was always encouraging of her children’s pursuit of education, being particularly sensitive to her own lack of educational opportunity when younger. She took justifiable pride in each of her children’s educational choices and accomplishments representing fields as varied as finance, architecture, music, nursing, psychology and dance, depending upon their passion and talents. It is as if her hopes and aspirations filled the sails of her children so that each could then freely tack his or her own course through life.

She is predeceased by her beloved husband Gaston and her youngest daughter Carol. She is survived by 5 of her children: Michael Jalbert and Sandy (Burnett) in Moneta, Virginia; Ronald Jalbert and Nancy (Patrick) in

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Bernard Jalbert and Carole Jones in Seattle, Washington; Rejeanne Jalbert in Burlington, Vermont; Monique Petrofsky (Jalbert) in Bear Rock, New Hampshire; as well as by 13 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

A celebration of Yvette's life will be held on June 16, with a Catholic Mass at St. Albert's Church in West Stewartstown and burial at St. Albert's Cemetery.

For those who wish, the family suggests memorial donations in Yvette's name be made to The Converse Home, 272 Church St, Burlington, VT 05401, for the music and entertainment program.

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 in Colebrook.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Albert's Catholic Cemetery

US Route 3  
West Stewartstown, NH

# Previous Events

## Mass of Christian Burial

JUN **16**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Albert's Catholic Church  
10 Church St  
West Stewartstown, NH 03597  
(603) 246-8829

# Tribute Wall

NM

“ So sad to hear of Matante Yvettes passing, I am not related but we always called her matante. My mom and I visited often when her and mon oncle Gaston lived in the Ethan Allen house. I always liked going to visit she always had a story to tell and something good to offer us for a snack. My deepest condolences to the family. Nicole Dube Morissette and Marthe Dube

Nicolel Dube Morissette - March 24, 2023 at 12:02 PM

DS

“ Condolences to all the Jalbert's , but particularly to her children. Yvette « connaissait ces brebis ». One day visiting her, she was ill and a nurse went ahead of me to tell her that one of her children was visiting. She opened one eye and said, « It's not one of mine! » To know Yvette was to love her. She always had a song in her heart and a smile on her face. We played a lot of cards together and she knew her cards; 'Eagle eyed' I called her. I loved her quiet sense of humor and her singing voice. She loved music and brought joy to residents at the Converse home. Yvette was a beautiful character. I've been Blessed to know her. Thank you Yvette for the joy of knowing You.

Doris Sage - March 14, 2023 at 08:59 AM

EK

“ We send our deepest sympathies to the entire Jalbert family. Our family has the fondest memories of not only Yvette, but Gaston as well. Known with love as Grandma and Grandpa to our children from the moment they came into our lives. Our family will miss them both as they had a great impact on our lives so many years ago. Sincerely , Ethan, Seth, Marilyn, Ian, Emmy, and Bruce Katz

Emmy Katz - March 14, 2023 at 07:40 AM

CM

“ Sending sincere condolences to the Jalbert family for your Mom's passing. I will always have fond memories of her and Gaston at the little house in Beecher Falls. My Mom worked with her awhile and at one point Gaston was my Mom's supervisor at the factory. My heart goes out to you all. Know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Cindy (Bunnell) McClain - March 09, 2023 at 04:26 PM

DW

“ What a lovely tribute Dr. Ronald Jalbert created to his mother, Yvette Jalbert. We send our deep sympathy & comfort to the entire family. Diana & Joe Walters

Diana Walters - March 07, 2023 at 11:47 PM

CC

“ Calvin Crawford lit a candle in memory of Yvette M. Jalbert



Calvin Crawford - March 06, 2023 at 08:55 PM

RD

“ So sorry for your loss

Richard A Dagesse - March 06, 2023 at 05:29 PM

AD

“ Nos plus sinceres sympathies a vous tous, sincerement, Alain Dupont et Mme. Gilberte Dupont, Canaan Vermont

alain c dupont - March 06, 2023 at 03:37 PM

LI

“ My deepest sympathies to the Jalbert family...your mom was a gem! My fondest memories is of her beautiful crochet doilies,etc...and how she taught me to do them. She was a super creative person and really enjoyed her company when she visited with my mom weekly. Such a lovely lady with a twinkle in her eyes. She is now an angel watching over all of you.  
Linda (Dupont) Pryor



Linda - March 06, 2023 at 03:28 PM

SM

“ My deepest condolences to the Jalbert family. Yvette was an amazing woman. I have very fond memories of spending time at her home many years ago. She was always so full of life and so very welcoming!

Suzanne Duranleau McNeal - March 06, 2023 at 01:42 PM

FC

“ Our sympathy to all the family and friends. I had the chance to work for Yvette and Andre worked with her at the factory, it was nice to know her.



Francine & Andre Champagne - March 06, 2023 at 01:32 PM

PG

“ Deepest sympathy to Yvette's family.

Patricia Grover - March 06, 2023 at 11:47 AM

DT

“ Our heartfelt condolences to the Jalbert family for the passing of your mom. You are in our thoughts on this occasion. Sincerely  
Danielle Thibault & John Fatherley.

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**danielle thibault** - March 06, 2023 at 11:32 AM

MO

“ My deepest sympathies to the Jalbert family for the loss of your mom. Sending prayers to you all. Thinking of you Monique! Sincerely  
Monique ouimette.



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**monique ouimette** - March 06, 2023 at 08:34 AM