



Desire J. Cormier

July 7, 1925 - February 19, 2023

ASHBY- Desire J. Cormier, 97, of Ashby, passed away on Sunday, February 19, 2023 in his home surrounded by his loving family.

Mr. Cormier was born in Ste. Paul, New Brunswick, Canada, on July 7, 1925, a son of the late, Alphee and Alida (Gaudette) Cormier and came to the United States in 1953 residing in Leominster before moving to Ashby, MA, in 1994.

Desire was a master carpenter for over 60 years, and 50 year member of the Carpenters Union Local #48 prior to his retirement.

He was a communicant of St. John's Parish in Townsend and had attended St. Cecilia's Church in Leominster. Mr. Cormier was a devoted husband and father dedicated to his faith and family. His passions included gardening, playing cribbage, traveling to Canada and Florida and producing maple syrup with his son Raymond and brother, Phil. He had a love of nature and was an avid outdoorsman. He also had a love of music and was a talented fiddle player.

His wife of 63 years, Marie (Albert) Cormier passed away in 2009. He leaves his four sons, Louis R. Cormier and his wife Janis of Port St. Lucie, FL, Raymond J. Cormier and his wife Nancy of Leominster, Gerard J. Cormier and

his wife Karen and John J. Cormier and his wife Donna all of Ashby; four daughters, Denise J. Lavoie of Westminster, Norma E. Francis and her husband Keith of Milford NH, Lucie R. Chisholm of Greenland NH, and Lorraine I. Ruta and her husband Thom of Northampton; two brothers, Leonide Cormier of N.B. Canada and Philius Cormier of Lunenburg; two sisters, Evelyn Hebert and Leona Cormier both of N.B. Canada; eighteen grandchildren, thirty three great-grandchildren, a great-great granddaughter, many nieces and nephews and his best friend, Ernie Henri.

He was predeceased by a granddaughter, Renee Browne, a brother, Gerard Cormier and a sister Rita Blanchard.

His funeral Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, February 22, 2023 at 1:30 PM in St. John's Church, 1 School Street, Townsend, MA. Burial will be held privately at a later date at St. Cecilia's Cemetery, Leominster. Calling hours will be held prior to the funeral on Wednesday from 11AM to 1PM in the T.J. Anderson & Son Funeral Home, 250 Main Street, (Rte 119) Townsend center. Please see www.andersonfuneral.com for additional information.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to landforgood.org.

Cemetery Details

St. Cecelia's Cemetery

Leominster, MA

Previous Events

Calling Hours

FEB 22. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Anderson Funeral Home - Townsend
250 Main Street ~ Route 119
Townsend, MA 01469
(978) 597-2692

Mass of Christian Burial

FEB 22. 1:30 PM (ET)

St. John the Evangelist Church
1 School Street
Townsend, MA 01469

Tribute Wall



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Desire J. Cormier.*



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“ *Our deepest sympathies to Norma, Keith and Family on their recent loss . May your sweet memories bring you comfort along with the support of those around you, including us. Our love and prayers for strength and peace are with you all 🙏❤️*

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Our deepest sympathies to Norma and family. May he rest in peace and always be in your hearts.

Kelly Darwell - February 21, 2023 at 03:15 PM