



Robert B. Colwell

September 2, 1936 - July 21, 2025

ROBERT B. COLWELL

Robert B. Colwell, 88, of Hallstead, PA peacefully passed away on July 21, 2025 surrounded by his loving family. He is the son of the late Kenneth and Ruth Colwell and stepmother, Marcella Colwell; also predeceased by his beloved wife of almost 61 years, Shelby J. Colwell; a son, Mark Colwell; sister, Joyce (Jim) Valentine; a brother, Willard Colwell; and several brothers-in-law and sisters-in-laws.

Bob is survived by his five children, Dennis (Marty) Colwell, Denise (Rick) Everett, David (Kevin) Colwell, Michael (Donna) Colwell, and Margie (Larry) French; daughter-in-law, Lisa Colwell; grandchildren, Desmond Col-Wells, Kristy (Dan) VanDeWeert, Kelly (Jeff) Clark, Paul (Lisa) Everett, Leyna (Louis) Colwell, Erica (Andrew) Ginther, Tricia (Ryan) Davis, Robert (Mandy) Colwell, Tracy (Josh) Colwell, Austin (Emily) French, and Corbin French; 9 great grandchildren; siblings, Edward (Dorthea) Colwell, Paul Colwell, Harold (Lorraine) Colwell, Eugene Colwell, Esther Frantz, Debbie (Robert) Wood; sister-in-law, Mina Smallacombe; and numerous nieces, nephews, and extended family members.

Bob graduated from Great Bend High School. He married the love of his life and high school sweetheart, Shelby. They worked hard on the farm and raised

six children. He had various jobs, including being a cattle dealer, auction business, clothing store, and his “retirement” work for Emerson Apartments. Bob was an active member of the Odd Fellows and longtime Sexton of Newman Cemetery. He was a member of Locust Hill Bible Church and more recently the First United Methodist Church, New Milford, PA.

Bob always worked hard, never complained, and was always willing to help others. His love for Shelby, his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren was evident in everything he did.

A memorial service will be held at 3:30 p.m., on July 26, 2025 at the First United Methodist Church, New Milford, PA. Inurnment will be made in Newman Cemetery. Friends may call from 2:30-3:30, at the church prior to the service. In lieu of flowers, please consider memorial contributions to First United Methodist Church, PO Box 436, New Milford, PA 18834 or to Mercy House, 212 North McKinley Avenue, Endicott, NY 13760.

Cemetery Details

Newman Cemetery

Great Bend Township, PA

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 26. 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM (ET)

First United Methodist Church
69 Pratt Street
P.O. Box 436
New Milford, PA 18834

Service

JUL 26. 3:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

NR

“ David, Matthew and I are so sorry for your loss and while you are able to celebrate there is also moments to grieve. It was a blessing you were with him and your family.

Nicole Richard - July 28, 2025 at 11:15 AM

KH

“ David - we were unaware of your Dad's illness. Our deepest sympathy to you and all of your family. Kathy and Doug Hayes

Kathy Hayes - July 27, 2025 at 02:43 PM

PD

“ So sorry to hear about your Dad. Hoping your good memories bring you comfort and peace. Patty and Jim Van Dyke

Patty Van Dyke - July 27, 2025 at 12:43 PM

DG

“ David, I'm so sorry to hear about the passing of your dad. Our prayers are with you that you feel God's comfort during this difficult time

Debbi and Tom Glossop

Debbi Glossop - July 27, 2025 at 09:15 AM

JA

“ Sorry to hear about your Dad. It is never easy, no matter how old they are, but good to hear he didn't suffer. Thinking of you and your family.

Janet and Bob Harkins

janet - July 27, 2025 at 09:07 AM

JA

“ David, I'm so sorry for your loss. I just heard about this yesterday from Nicole Richard. I'm glad he didn't suffer and died peacefully. From our conversations and the tributes here, your Dad was a wonderful, kind, and caring person.

Jack Adelson - July 27, 2025 at 08:12 AM

DM

“ Doreen Moat lit a candle in memory of Robert B. Colwell



Doreen Moat - July 23, 2025 at 10:37 AM

DM

“ Margie and family. I am so sorry for your loss Your Dad was a wonderful person

Doreen Moat - July 23, 2025 at 10:36 AM

DW

“ Bob was such a great and neat person. He will be missed by all.
Diane Williams

diane williams - July 23, 2025 at 08:43 AM

JD

“ Jon And Dorothy Dribnack lit a candle in memory of Robert B. Colwell



Jon and Dorothy Dribnack - July 22, 2025 at 06:09 PM

TH

“ Bob was one of the nicest people I had the privilege of knowing. He and Shelby were the perfect couple as they were both so thoughtful and kind. My sincere condolences to the family

Tracy Haley - July 22, 2025 at 05:57 PM

PM

“ Bob was a wonderful man and Shelby was a beautiful Soul, Bob was a regular coffee customer at Beavers for years, that's where I met him, a very loving Family Man. R.I.P. Bob



patty Morris - July 22, 2025 at 01:37 PM

TF

“ He was such a kind man and so much help when I had my farm and horses. Most sincere sympathies to the family.

Theresa M Fleming - July 22, 2025 at 01:34 PM

AM

“ Colwell family, soo many wonderful memories of times at the farm. Your dad made everyone feel his love for life. I'm thankful for seeing him recently! Love always, April Mroz

April Mroz - July 22, 2025 at 10:55 AM

JS

“ Sending love and hugs and condolences to the entire family. Bobby and Shelby were such an important part of our family and the kids as well! Sending love and hugs and another star in heaven! ❤️🙏❤️
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John & Lurene VanNess Stevenson - July 22, 2025 at 10:50 AM

SB

“ Extending our sincere condolences to all of Bob’s family. He was such a nice, friendly, and well-respected man. He will be missed as he certainly was a big part of our communities. He’s reunited with Shelby. Together, they truly were a very special couple that brought joy to everyone. We hope that brings some comfort to all of you in this grieving time of loss. ~ Sandy & Dick Button



Sandy Button - July 22, 2025 at 10:40 AM

LC

I am so sorry for your loss, My Prayers And Condolences to all of Bob's Family, He was such A nice man,, He will be Missed.. Always looking out for people in the Building and he was a worker. R.I.P. Bob, now you can be with Shelby...

Linda Cohn - July 23, 2025 at 11:18 PM

MR

“ Marty And Terrie Reed lit a candle in memory of Robert B. Colwell



Marty and Terrie Reed - July 22, 2025 at 07:25 AM