



Christopher I. Jenness

August 10, 1953 - August 20, 2025

Greenland – Christopher I. Jenness, 72, of Greenland, passed away peacefully with his loving family by his side on Wednesday, August 20, 2025.

He was born in Exeter, NH, to the late William and Priscilla (Vokmann) Jenness. Chris shared 47 wonderful years of marriage with the love of his life, Cheryle (Boisvert).

A graduate of Portsmouth High School, Class of 1972, Chris dedicated more than 45 years of service to the Town of Rye Public Works, beginning in 1978. Throughout his long career, he wore many hats—working as a skilled laborer, plowing the roads in winter, serving in the Highway Department, and most recently at the transfer station.

Outside of work, Chris lived life fully. He found joy in playing his guitar, lobster fishing, and spending time at Great East Lake, where his family kept a beloved camp and where he walked many family dogs on Sunday afternoons. He also loved visiting Perkins Cove in Maine, walking the family dog, and taking scenic drives along the coast with his mother. Chris had an easygoing spirit, an incredible sense of humor, and never took life too seriously. Above all, he deeply loved his family and treasured the special relationships he had with each of his grandchildren.

Left to cherish his memory are his devoted wife, Cheryle; his daughters, Danielle Artz and her husband Brandon, Nicole Sherburne and her husband Michael; and his grandchildren, Michael, Jaxson, Colston, Greyson, and Gabriella. He is also survived by his brother, Stephen Jenness and his wife Christine, his sister, Cynthia, and many extended family members and friends.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 7 PM on Monday, August 25, 2025, at the Remick & Gendron Funeral Home-Crematory, Hampton. Donations may be made in Chris's memory to the NHSPCA in Stratham by clicking here (<https://nhspca.org/donate-today-2/>) or to Maine Lobstermen's Association by clicking here (<https://mainelobstermen.app.neoncrm.com/forms/donate-to-mla>)

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 25. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - Crematory

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Tribute Wall

LC

“ Our sympathy to the family of dear Chris. Lots of memories as Rye kids and then the hard work and many rewards of marching in the Clipper Band....the band kids. Seeing Chris every week while he was working kept a connection. His retirement was too short. Rest in peace Chris. Linda (Heaney) Cavanagh

Linda Cavanagh - August 28, 2025 at 09:47 PM

MD

“ Chris Jenness was a pillar of the Town of Rye who based on the principals and compassion of his parents Bill and Priscilla maintained and grew the foundation of the Town of Rye. He was a committed hard and diligent worker in all his positions working for the betterment of all Rye citizens.

His work ethic was applied every day and was apparent when you saw the completed work. However much of his expertise and many fulfilled tasks were hidden. Chris had a great talent for paying attention to the finer details making every job safer for the citizens of Rye.

I went to PHS with Chris and worked one summer with he and his father for the town DPW. I learned that five minutes early was on time. I would run into Chris at the transfer station or the grocery store and we would catch up on Rye news and former classmates with Chris's great sense of humor I would always leave with a smile.

I will miss the grinding sound of the snowplow at 4 am during the big snowstorms. Chris and I would share a cup of coffee when he came around for his second pass. I was grateful that he made my Mother, my family and neighbors feel safe THANKS to Chris's dedication.

Chris was fully committed to his family, friends and the citizens of Rye. He lived life with humor and purpose. He exemplified the "OLD SCHOOL RYE BOY ETHIC". Chris has passed but always will be remembered fondly.

The entire DiNola family extends its condolences and sympathy to the Jenness Family. GOD BLESS YOU!

MICHAEL DINOLA - August 25, 2025 at 07:18 PM

BC

“ Condolences to the whole family. I have so many precious memories of playing together every summer at Great East Lake. With love to all of you, may your memories of Chris bring you peace. Beverly Carter ‘Carter Clan’

Beverly Carter - August 25, 2025 at 03:25 PM

SM

“ Chris will be missed. Love and sympathy to his family. Good memories. We were stunned and saddened to hear of his passing. Tom and Sue Morin



Susan and Tom Morin - August 25, 2025 at 09:25 AM

TL

“ The Leary's purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Christopher I. Jenness.



The Leary's - August 25, 2025 at 08:49 AM

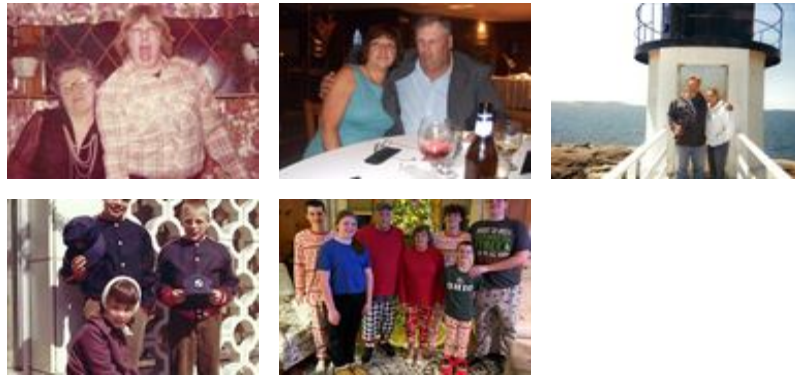
TL

“ The Leary's planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Christopher I. Jenness.

The Leary's - August 25, 2025 at 08:49 AM



“ 142 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - August 25, 2025 at 08:48 AM

RL

“ *I was lucky to be able to call Chris "Uncle Chris" as he is married to my Aunt Cheryle. I was also lucky to be honored with being the ring bearer at their wedding. Growing up I loved visiting their home and I could always be found hanging out with Uncle Chris whether it was in the garage that he had transformed into a lobster pound, listening to music on the radio or even just throwing the ball with the family dog. Uncle Chris had a unique way of showing interest in your life and making you feel special no matter how long it had been since you had last seen him. Over the years my aunt and uncle were so gracious to open their home and host family get togethers. Some of my fondest memories are the annual Christmas yankee swaps where I once again could be found hanging out with Uncle Chris watching football where we would razz each other about our favorite teams. I am so grateful for the times I had with Uncle Chris and they will be greatly missed.*

Ryan Leary - August 25, 2025 at 08:33 AM

MR

“ My deepest sympathy to Chris's family & friends. He was my ex-husband Rob Woods' cousin. I never heard an unkind word spoken about Chris when I grew up in Rye or interacted with those he knew in the 40 years I was married to Rob or the years prior. That in itself is great testimony about Chris's character and how well-liked he was. May h rest in peace & may the perpetual light of Heaven shine upon him.

Monique Rimbaud (Woods)

Monique Rimbaud - August 24, 2025 at 08:33 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Christopher I. Jenness.

August 24, 2025 at 04:54 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Christopher I. Jenness.



August 24, 2025 at 04:54 PM

DE

“ I didn't know Christopher but his mom was my aer teacher. She was wonderful. The kind of teacher you never forget.

Denise - August 24, 2025 at 06:28 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Christopher I. Jenness.



August 23, 2025 at 11:43 AM



“ Frederick Millett and Family (Marsha and purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Christopher I. Jenness.



Frederick Millett and Family (Marsha and - August 23, 2025 at 06:54 AM



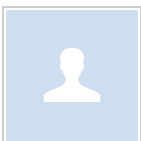
“ RIP Chris. Lots of laughs at DPW

Skip Sullivan - August 22, 2025 at 11:27 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Christopher I. Jenness.

August 22, 2025 at 10:48 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Christopher I. Jenness.



August 22, 2025 at 10:48 PM

AN

“ *Many happy times shared with Chris +Cherie. Thank goodness for these memories. Peaceful thoughts +blessings to your family. 🙏*
RIC+ Debbie Anderson

Anderson - August 22, 2025 at 08:01 PM

JB

“ *I am so sorry to hear of Chris's passing. I have great memories of going to Bruins games with him, even when they played the Canadiens! May he rest in peace.*

Joe Belmont - August 22, 2025 at 05:54 PM

JG

“ *I was so sorry do to hear of Chris passing he used to come in where I worked and bring chocolates to us and enjoyed talking to him all ways had a smile in his face. My thoughts and prayers go to his family at this time my fix bless them at this difficult time.*

Julie Graves

Julie Graves - August 22, 2025 at 02:57 PM

KF

“ My name is Kevin Floerchinger I live in St. Louis, I met Chris back in the early 80s when I flew up there for the first time with my wife, Susan, her brother-in-law. We stayed at their house. And Chris accepted me into their family. He took me drinking and we got kicked out of his favorite bar for heckling the band. Chris mooned the band as we were leaving. He giggled all night about it until finally Shery. His wife asked him what was so funny and when he told her we both got in trouble. The next morning he took me lobstering. I had never been out on the ocean, or on a fishing boat. His friends gave me a hard time (jokingly) since I was from the Midwest and they thought they were gonna make me sick. I worked on the boat and he paid me with lobster. I haven't seen him in years, however always consider him a great friend.

Kevin Floerchinger. - August 21, 2025 at 09:12 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Christopher I. Jenness.

August 21, 2025 at 07:00 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Christopher I. Jenness.



August 21, 2025 at 07:00 PM

EH

“ I always loved seeing Chris at the Transfer Station. He always asked for my family, always helpful if I needed it and Always made me Laugh! He sure will be missed by Many!!
Ellie Hayes

Eleanor Hayes - August 21, 2025 at 04:25 PM

BH

“ I've known Chris since 7th grade in school. I am so sorry for the family's loss. Chris was always so nice.

Beverly Higgs - August 21, 2025 at 03:33 PM

SP

“ So sad to hear of Chris' passing. I will miss his smile & conversations!

Susan Predaris - August 21, 2025 at 02:16 PM

JG

“ Was so sad to learn of Chris's passing. Such a witty and funny guy who always took the time to help others and spend quality time with his family and his pets. Will miss you Chris.

John Grzeskowiak - August 21, 2025 at 12:59 PM