



Benney and Lenora's Story

“Thank God for the experience that these EMS folks have.”
Lenora – Standish, Maine

We were sitting in the living room, when Benney put his head down and said to me, “Woman I got such pain in my chest – you’d better call whoever”. So I got on the phone, called 911, and they got here pretty fast, even though we’re in a rural part of Standish.

Benney doesn’t remember anything after he told me that he was in a lot of pain . They took him out fast and we were on our way. We picked up a paramedic in Gorham, because they knew they would have to use the paddles. I could hear them working fast and furious in the back, but the ambulance driver in the front was talking to me and keeping me calm.

Later I learned that Benney died twice in the ambulance, and the EMS crew brought him back. He died twice more in the hospital, and the Emergency Department brought him back. The ED Doctor told me that if we were three minutes later in calling, we never would have gotten him back.

Benney had a heart attack, but he made it, thank God. They operated on him right off, and put a stent in his heart.

Standish EMS was very prompt and very good. They have checked in on us a couple of times since Benney’s heart attack, to see how he is doing. It’s quite an experience – it makes you appreciate what can happen to save lives in your own local town.