

MORSE: Stephen F. Sr., 87, of the Darling Inn Apartments in Lyndonville, died Wednesday, March 20, 2002, at the Pines Rehabilitation and Health Center in Lyndonville. He was born Aug. 29, 1914, in Lyndon Corner, the son of Frank A. and Stella (Sargent) Morse. Steve and his late wife Joyce owned and operated a dairy farm in Lyndon Corner until 1964. That year they joined the staff at Gould Farm, a nationally renowned rehabilitation center in Monterey, Mass., devoted to community living and healing through work. In the mid-1970s they established their own group home in Bristol, N.H., based largely on the Gould Farm model, and a second and third group home was subsequently established in Plymouth and Wentworth, N.H. The unique love, family and community that the residents found at the Morse home touched many people. In 1994 Steve and Joyce returned to their Lyndonville roots, where they were reunited with old friends and Steve became known by many townspeople for his long morning walks. Steve is survived by his children and their spouses, Marilyn and Dean Sackett of Aiken, S.C., Janice and Robert Lepine of Lyndonville, Beverly and Lawrence Mayo of Sebring, Fla., Stephen F. Morse Jr. of Sebring, Fla., and Stephanie and Stefan Grotz of Monterey, Mass.; his son-in-law, Gayland Simpson of Delray Beach, Fla.; his sister-in-law, Lucille Morse of Coventry, Conn.; 18 grandchildren; 36 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; two cousins, Robert Morse of Venice, Fla., and Arlene Piper of Mashpee, Mass.; numerous aunts, uncles and cousins, and an untold number of friends and acquaintances. Steve was predeceased by his father and mother; his beloved wife of 63 years, Joyce; three sisters, Mary, Priscilla (Sister Mary Stella), and Phyllis; one brother, Russell; one daughter, Nancy Simpson; one daughter-in-law, Daphne (Green) Morse; one granddaughter, Samantha Morse; and one foster daughter, Joanne. A service to celebrate Steve's life will be held later in the spring. Burial will be in the Lyndon Center Cemetery. Those who wish may send contributions in Steve's memory to either the Pines Rehabilitation and Health Center, Activities Fund, East Lyndon Road, Lyndonville, VT 05851, or to the Darling Inn Senior Meal Site, P.O. Box 81, Lyndonville, VT 05851.