

Leslie Robert Somers passed away on Tuesday, April 4, 2006. He was the son of Bartholomew and Vilettie Somers of St. Johnsbury, Vt. He follows his brother, Gilbert Somers, and sister, Leona Whitehill. Most recently, Les and his wife Dorothy had moved from Locust Grove, Va., to Poolesville, Md., to be closer to their daughter, Cheryl King, and her family. He is a graduate of St. Johnsbury Academy. He managed J.J. Newberry stores in Maine, New York, and Vermont before settling in Lebanon, N.H. Leslie owned his own business there, Farmers Fruitland, on Miracle Mile. When he sold his business in the 1960s, he went to work for Split Ball Bearing. He was soon promoted to an office job and then product engineering where his math skills and pursuit of perfection were used to check engineering calculations and product specifications. Leslie was a hunter, fisherman, and gardener and still loved a good game of cards, cribbage, poker or bridge. He was a lifelong Mason. He was a wonderful father of two girls, and a faithful husband of 67 years to Dorothy Ogden Somers. Leslie is survived by his wife; his daughter, Deanna Somers of Kernersville, N.C.; his daughter, Cheryl King and her husband Bob of Germantown, Md.; grandchildren, Steven King of Boyds, Md., Jonathan King of Carolina Beach, N.C., Katherine King of Germantown, Md., Heidi Frears of Jacksonville, N.C., and Kristin Tavernier of Kernersville, N.C. Burial will be at Barnet Center Cemetery in Barnet, Vt.