

BUTLER: G. Julian, a longtime resident of St. Johnsbury, passed away at the Pines Rehabilitation and Health Center in Lyndonville, Monday morning, June 2, 2003. He was born Dec. 12, 1917, in Medford, Mass., the son of Rudolph Ray and May Estelle (Julian) Butler. Julian was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, honorably discharged in February 1946. He received the World War II Victory Medal, American Theatre Medal and American Area Asiatic-Pacific Theatre Medal. Prior to enlistment in the Navy, he honorably served in the U.S. Army for six months before being called home to assist his family. He was a letter carrier in St. Johnsbury for many years. After his retirement from the U.S. Postal Service he drove a school bus for the St. Johnsbury School System. He was a member of Grace United Methodist Church, and graciously served his church, his family and his friends all of his life. He married Marion Ethel Sutor in 1942; she passed away in December 2001. His survivors include two daughters and their families, Lynne and Roy Kowski of Barre, and Joyce and David Pennaman of Madisonville, Ky.; grandchildren Kris and Karla Jurentkuff of Barre, Julie (Jurentkuff) and Michael Thresher of Danville, Jerry Pennaman and wife Christina of Phoenix, Ariz., and Mary, Michelle, Claire and Daniel Pennaman of Madisonville, Ky.; two great-grandchildren, Brittany and Kassandra Thresher of Danville; and his brother, Russell T. Butler and wife Lois of Groton and their children, Laurie, Nathan and David. Julian's family will welcome friends at the Sayles Funeral Home, Friday, June 6, from 6 to 8 p.m. A service of remembrance to celebrate Julian's life will be held Saturday, June 7, at 10 a.m., at Grace United Methodist Church, on Central Street in St. Johnsbury. The family asks that you join them after the service for refreshments. A private burial is planned. In lieu of flowers, please forward donations in Julian's memory to the Grace United Methodist Church, 36 Central St., St. Johnsbury, VT 05819, or to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, in care of Julie Thresher, 123 Evergreen Lane, Barnet, VT 05821.