

**Francis J. Begbie**, of the Colonial Apartments in St. Johnsbury, Vt., passed away Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2007, at the V.A. Hospital in White River Junction, Vt., at the age of 90. He was born in Montreal, Canada, Jan. 10, 1917, the son of M. Charles and Frieda (Bilodeau) Begbie. His wife was the late Emma Berry Begbie. She passed away in June of 2007. Francis graduated from St. Johnsbury Academy in 1936. He worked for First National Stores for 32 years and retired as district manager. He was an U.S. Army veteran of World War II and saw action during the European invasion at Omaha Beach. He is survived by a daughter, Elaine Staples of Hartland, Vt., and one granddaughter, Robynn Hinkle. There will be no calling hours. There will be a graveside service in spring 2008 at the Veterans Cemetery in Randolph.