

Louis-Paul Bedard, 84, of Torrance, Calif., a St. Johnsbury native, passed away Saturday, Jan. 29, 2005, after a long illness. He was born in St. Johnsbury, Dec. 26, 1920, the last of seven children born to Eugene and Anna (LaChance) Bedard. Lou was a graduate of St. Johnsbury Academy, Class of 1939. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. Lou and his wife Bette (Daugherty) had been married for 54 years. He is also survived by his daughter, Renette Hier and her husband Jim of Tigard, Ore.; a stepdaughter, Sharon Belcher of Garden Grove, Calif.; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; as well as numerous nieces, nephews and cousins throughout St. Johnsbury and the greater New England area. He was predeceased by his three sisters, Sr. Juliette Bedard, Bertha Gauthier, and Yvonne Choiniere; and three brothers, Firmin, Robert and Roger. Services for the family will be held Saturday, Feb. 5, at 9:30 a.m., in Torrance, Calif.