

**ASTLE: Philip S.**, longtime resident of West Danville, passed away at home, Saturday, Dec. 14, 2002, four days after his 80th birthday. He was born in Littleton Dec. 10, 1922, the son of Roy and Lyla (Dyke) Astle. He graduated from St. Johnsbury Academy in 1940 and went to work at Fairbanks Morse. He joined the U.S. Navy and served in the Pacific during World War II. After the war he returned to Fairbanks, where he worked until retirement. He was an avid fisherman and gardener. For years he was an "outlying" weatherman for the National Weather Service in Burlington and for the Fairbanks Museum. He was a master woodworker and always had some project going on in his workshop. He is survived by his brother, Robert Astle and wife Grace of Danville; three children, Eileen Ward and husband Terry of Monroe, N.H., Paul Astle of Monkton, and Marsha Maurice of Waterford; one granddaughter, Emily Pike and husband Tracy of Marshfield; and nieces and nephews. Memorial services will be held at the Sayles Funeral Home, Wednesday, at 2 p.m. All are welcome to attend. There will be no visiting hours. Memorial contributions may be directed to either the Danville Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 255, Danville, VT 05828, or the Fairbanks Museum, 1302 Main St., St. Johnsbury, VT 05819.