

LaBAY: Curtis W., "Curt or Daddy," 81

LaBAY: Curtis W., "Curt or Daddy," 81, of 6 Chapel St., Lyndon, died at his residence Monday morning, Feb. 9, 2004. He was born Aug. 2, 1922 in East Haven, Vt., son of the late Perley Ray LaBay and Esther Commette LaBay Drew. He was a graduate of Lyndon Institute, Class of 1941. In 1947 he married Rubie Madelyn Young. After high school he served in the U.S. Army Air Corps as a tail gunner on a B-24 bomber where he earned the Purple Heart while flying over India during World War II. Curt worked as an electrician in partnership with his father at LaBay's Electric Service in Lyndon for 20 years. He later worked for Vermont American at Tap & Die and also Northeast Tool for 17 years, retiring in 1987. After one day of retirement he volunteered at St. Johnsbury and Lyndon Town Schools. He volunteered as the Retired Senior Volunteer Program Data Collector and Computer Programmer located at the Darling Inn in Lyndonville, was an AARP volunteer tax preparer for senior citizens, and transported many friends and neighbors to doctor's appointments and treatments at DHMC in Lebanon, N.H. Survivors include three children, Frances "Fran" Taylor and her husband of Lyndon, Kathleen "Kathy" McGown of Lyndonville, and Randolph Curtis LaBay of Barre; two very special sons-in-law, Leland A. Taylor and Douglas H. McGown; five grandchildren, Molly Frances McGown, Matthew H. LaBay, Hannah M. LaBay, Adam C. LaBay, and Isaiah I. LaBay; a great-grandson, Dylan Thomas LaBay; his very dear friend, Lucy Caron of Lyndonville; twin sisters, Lorraine Newland and her husband Winston, and Elaine Willey and her husband Floyd, both of West Burke; four sisters-in-law, Mary LaBay of Lowell, Mass., Marilyn D. "Skip" Drew of Barton, Amy Young of Bradenton, Fla., and Elizabeth Somers of Lyndonville; two brothers-in-law, Charles Reed and his wife Lee of West Addison, Vt., and Edward Young and his wife Earlene of Woodsville, N.H.; a special cousin, Charles LaBay and his wife Lois and their daughter Trish of Harrison, Maine; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. He was predeceased by his wife, Rubie LaBay, in 1985; his three brothers, Reynolds and his wife Eleanor LaBay, Ralph N. LaBay, and Douglas A. Drew. Visiting hours will be held Wednesday evening, Feb. 11, at the funeral

home, from 5-7, with a Masonic service beginning at 7 p.m. Graveside services will be held at Lyndon Center Cemetery Saturday, May 15, 2004 at 2 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations made in his memory may be directed to RSVP, in care of Jack Knoblock, P.O. Box 1194, Lyndonville, VT 05851.