

Harold C. Whitney



Harold C. Whitney , 83, longtime herdsman and dairy farmer at The City Dairy in St. Johnsbury, passed away Easter morning, Sunday, March 27, 2005, at the St. Johnsbury Health and Rehab Center. He was born in St. Johnsbury on Aug. 6, 1921, the son of Raymond and Ruth (Colby) Whitney. He was raised, however, by his father and stepmother, Vera (Montgomery) Whitney, and graduated from St. Johnsbury Academy in 1941. Farming was always his first love. He retired from City Dairy in 1989, working there for Ed Gray and Wendell Boardman for a total of 43 years. He also was a deputy under Sheriff Carroll Lafoe for a number of years, policing local dances and the racetrack in Waterford. In his later years, he greatly enjoyed his woodworking shop and the flea markets where he would sell his products. His wife of 32 years, Maidene (Morse) (Morton) Whitney, survives him (her mailing address is 302 Depot Hill Road, St. Johnsbury, VT 05819), as do eight children, George Whitney and his wife Ruby of Hardwick, Ruth Marceau and her husband Glen of Peacham, Bryce Whitney and his wife Marion of Hyde Park, Russell Whitney and his wife Helen of North Andover, Mass., Debbie Ruggles and her husband Roland of Lyndonville, Nikki Young and her husband Ronald of St. Johnsbury, Patty Hatch and her husband Michael of Groton, and Wendy Willson and her husband Dennis of North Concord; two stepchildren, Joan Croteau and her husband Paul of St. Johnsbury, and Diana

Gray and her husband Gerald of Carlton, Pa.; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. A brother, Milton Whitney, predeceased him; as well as a sister, Louise Granger. Graveside services will be held at the convenience of the family at St. Johnsbury Center Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be directed to either St. Johnsbury Health and Rehab Center (marked for "Resident Activity Fund"), 1248 Hospital Drive, St. Johnsbury, VT 05819; or to Caledonia Home Health, P.O. Box 383, St. Johnsbury, VT 05819.