



**Kenton Edson Sears**, 81, of Lyndonville, Vt., passed away Dec. 9, 2005, following a long illness. Ken was born Dec. 15, 1923, in Richford, Vt. After being raised in Sheldon Springs, he graduated from St. Johnsbury Academy in 1941, but soon became a staunch LI supporter. He was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1943 and discharged in 1946. Ken married Agnes Croft of Lyndonville, Vt., in 1948. He worked for French and Bean Wholesale Grocers for 25 years, and enjoyed working for Douglas McArthur as an appraiser for 13 years. Ken was a long-term resident of Lyndonville, and was very involved in the community. He was Scout master of the Boy Scouts, member of the United Methodist Church, member of Crescent Lodge 66 and served as Worshipful Master for a term, and was president of Lyndonville Boys Baseball. Ken was a loving father, and never missed an event in which his children participated. Ken had a passion for golf and was a member at Orleans Country Club for over 40 years. Ken enjoyed reading and yelling at the TV as he watched sports. He was active in a Fantasy Baseball League for the past 17 years. He wintered in Ocklawaha, Fla., for several years. Ken is survived by Agnes Sears, his wife of 57 years; his siblings, Alden Sears,

Ilene Duerr, Audrey Markle, Phyllis Bouthelie and Marilyn Wemitt; four children and their spouses, Paul Sears of Lyndonville, Marcia Woodall of Goshen, N.Y., Jim and his wife Debra Sears of Lyndonville, and Scott and his wife Kim Sears of Williston. Ken was most proud of his five grandchildren, Tricia Sears of Lebanon, N.H., Cassie Butler of San Diego, Calif., Valerie Woodall of Brooklyn, N.Y., Emily Woodall of Goshen, N.Y., and Carly Sears of Williston, Vt.; his two great-grandchildren, Kayden and Michael Butler III of San Diego, Calif.; brother and sister-in-law, Walter and Dorothy Croft; and several nieces and nephews. Ken was predeceased by his sister, Maxine Heald. Visiting hours will be held at Lyndonville United Methodist Church, Thursday, Dec. 15, from 5-7 p.m. A memorial service is set for Friday, Dec. 16, at the United Methodist Church in Lyndonville at 11 a.m., and the family will join you for food and fellowship following the service. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Lyndonville Youth Baseball and Softball, P.O. Box 1146, Lyndonville, VT 05851.