

Norman Gilman, 68

Norman G. Gilman, 68, Lyndon, died peacefully at home with his family by his side, Wednesday morning, Jan. 31, 2007. He was born Oct. 25, 1938, in Lyndon, Vt., in the same house he lived all his life, the son of the late Wallace and Della (Masure) Gilman. Schooled in Lyndon, he also attended Lyndon Institute. Norman operated the family dairy farm most of his life. For many years he also worked during the fall as a butcher and meat cutter for Lane Packing in Lyndonville and later for Bub Dresser and Moore Beef in St. Johnsbury. He enjoyed maple sugaring with his work horses, family reunions, and just having fun living life to the fullest. He also enjoyed attending horse pulling events and was a director for the Caledonia County Fair. Survivors include his companion of many years, Lucy Topham of Lyndon; three sons, Paul Gilman and his wife Donna of Lyndon, James Gilman and his fiancé Micheline Guyer of Lyndon, and Greg Gilman and his girlfriend Penny Whitcomb of Lyndon; a daughter, Holly Simpson and her husband Patrick of Sheffield; six grandchildren, Miranda, Maisie, Caitlin, and Collin Gilman, and Rebecca and Johnathen Simpson; two brothers, Monroe "Sonny" Gilman and his wife Lois of Lyndon, and Clayton Gilman and his wife Nancy of Sutton; a brother-in-law, Bill Walker of Sheffield; many nieces, nephews, and close friends; and a special nephew, Bob Walker of Wheelock. Two sisters, Lois Tanner and Geneva Walker, predeceased him. Friends are invited to meet with the family Saturday afternoon, Feb. 3, from 3-5 p.m. at the Guibord Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon, Feb. 4, at 2 p.m. at the Lyndonville First Congregational Church, with the Rev. Donald Vincent officiating. Spring burial will be in Lyndon Center Cemetery. Memorial donations made in Norman's memory may be directed to either: American Cancer Society, New England Division, PO Box 3333, Montpelier, VT 05601-3333, or Caledonia Home Health Inc., P.O. Box 383, St. Johnsbury, VT 05819. Arrangements are by Guibord Funeral Home located on the Corner of Main and Center streets, Lyndonville.