

BLODGETT: Malvern R., 78, of Shelburne, died Wednesday, July 9, 2003, at Fletcher Allen Health Care in Burlington of complications from congestive heart failure and diabetes. He was born in North Danville Nov. 4, 1924, the son of the late Walter and Ruth (Davis) Blodgett. In 1942 he graduated from St. Johnsbury Academy. He graduated cum laude from the Lincoln Extension Institute for Industrial Management in 1963. Mal served meritoriously in the U.S. Army 30th Infantry as a machine gunner in the European Theater during World War II. He was a decorated combat veteran receiving the Silver Star for his experience in the Battle of the Bulge as well as additional decorations for several other European campaigns. Mal's service in the war had a profound influence on the remainder of his life. He was married May 24, 1947 to Marilyn M. Morrill. She predeceased him after 54 years of marriage, on June 13, 2001. Mal retired as a programmer from the General Electric Company in 1986 after 35 years of service. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Burlington. Mal will be fondly remembered by family and friends for his understated Vermont wit and sense of humor. He enjoyed being in the outdoors, fishing and had a special love for working with draft horses. Mal was particularly proud of, and had great affection for his eight grandchildren. He is survived by four children, Linda Clark and husband Paul of St. Albans, Denny Blodgett of South Burlington, Sharon Shand and husband Robert of Jericho, and Douglas Blodgett and wife Kim of East Wallingford; seven grandchildren, Stacey Clark, Eric, Emily and Grayden Shand, Nathan Blodgett, and Kristin and Cory Blodgett; his sisters and brother, Shirley Langmaid of Danville, Neil Blodgett of Waterford, and June Sager of McIndoe Falls; and nieces and nephews. He was also predeceased by a grandchild,

Cami Sue Clark in 1998. There will be no calling hours. A celebration of his life will be held Saturday, July 12 at 11 a.m. in the First Baptist Church, 81 St. Paul St., Burlington. Family members will attend a private burial. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to the First Baptist Church.