

Donald A. Rainey, 80

Donald A. Rainey, 80, of Airport Road in Lyndonville, passed away at home surrounded by his family Thursday morning, June 1, 2006, after a courageous battle with cancer. He was born in Lyndon on Nov. 25, 1925, the son of Percy and Ruth (Barnard) Rainey. After graduating from Lyndon Institute in 1943, he worked for the Town of Lyndon on the road department. He enlisted in the Army in 1944 and served in the European Theatre, seeing action at the Battle of the Bulge. After the war he worked at the old Bailey's Grain Store in Lyndonville. He married Pauline Deyette Newland July 13, 1957. Donald and Pauline moved back to Lyndon in 1984. The Raineys had lived on Chestnut Street in Manchester, N.H., where he worked for Silver Bros./Cott Distributing for over 30 years. His family will never forget the care he gave Pauline; she passed away Jan. 30, 2002. Furthermore they will always remember his generosity and thoughtfulness; he was always remembering family birthdays. He is survived by five children: Audrey Smith and her husband Jack of Wheelock (P.O. Box 1304, Lyndonville, VT 05851), Dwight Rainey and his wife Bonny of Muskegon, Mich., Douglas Rainey and his wife Marcia of Lyndonville, Marshall Newland Jr. of Concord, N.H., and Daniel Newland and his wife Judy of East Burke; 16 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren; a sister, Betty Minot and her husband Alden of Bath, N.H.; a sister-in-law, Mary Rainey of Lyndonville; several nieces, nephews, cousins, and Pauline's extended family. He was predeceased tragically by a grandson, Todd Rainey, and by his brother, Guy Rainey. Graveside services will be held at the Lyndon Center Cemetery Monday, June 5 at 1 p.m. Pastor Tim Pittman will officiate the service. Anyone wishing to attend is welcome. Donald requested there be no visiting hours. Memorial contributions, marked for "Hospice," could be directed to Caledonia Home Health, P.O. Box 383, St. Johnsbury, VT 05819. Private online condolences may also be sent to the family at www.guibordfh.com. The Guibord Funeral Home is located on the corner of Main and Center streets in Lyndonville.