

Milton E. Montgomery Jr., 82, of St. Johnsbury, died early Monday morning June 18, 2007,, at Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital in St. Johnsbury, Vt. He was born Dec. 7, 1924, in St. Johnsbury, the son of the late Milton and Dorothy (Farnham) Montgomery Sr. A graduate of the St. Johnsbury Trade School, Milton enlisted in the U.S. Navy during World War II, and later served during the Korean Conflict. While on leave from his first tour of duty, he married Mary E. Sumner. She predeceased him Nov. 17, 1981. Milton worked as a auto parts salesman for Goldbergs in St. Johnsbury for 28 years. He later worked for Roberts Motors in Lancaster, N.H., and Woodsville Auto in Woodsville, N.H. He finished his working career with EHV Weidmann in St. Johnsbury. Following retirement, he volunteered in the Lifeline office at NVRH. Memberships include the Elks BPOE 1343 of St. Johnsbury (61 years), a life member of V.F.W. Post 793 of St. Johnsbury, American Legion post 58 of St. Johnsbury (62 years), Masonic Pulaski Lodge 58 of Wells River, Vt., and the DAV. An avid Red Sox fan, Milton enjoyed camping in Maine, NASCAR racing, gardening and creating oil paintings. He was a food connoisseur who enjoyed cooking and baking for family and friends. Survivors include two daughters, Inda Dunbar and husband Durwood of Barnet, Vt., and Karen Montgomery of St. Johnsbury; three grandchildren, Kendra Noyes, Robert Montgomery, and Michael Dunbar; two great-grandchildren, Megan and Tyler Roy; his brother, Bryce Montgomery and wife Esther of West Danville, Vt.; two cousins, Everett Ruggles of St. Johnsbury, and Natalie Mann and husband George of Maryland; several nieces, nephews, and many close friends; and his best friend and pet, Fred T. Bassett. A graveside funeral service with military honors will be held Wednesday, June 27 at 11 a.m., at the

Mount Calvary Cemetery in St. Johnsbury with Mr. John Sleeper officiating. Memorial donations made in his memory may be directed to NVRH Lifeline, P.O. Box 905, St. Johnsbury, VT 05819.