Russell F. Powers went home to be with the Lord, with his family at his side on Tuesday, April 7, 2009, at the age of 84. Born in Waterford June 20, 1924, he is the son of the late Glenn G. and Eva (Page) Powers. Russell attended the Waterford Woods School, Littleton High School, and St. Johnsbury Trade School where he graduated with the class of 1943, and the Providence Bible Institute 1947-1948. He served in the U.S. Army, PFC for 18 months during WWII. He married Patricia E. Wallace on June 6, 1947. Russell worked for Garelick Bros. Farms in Franklin, Mass., 1949-1956, as a route salesman. In 1956 he returned to Vermont to farm with his brother Willard for about 30 years, he continued farming with sons Kevin and Ron. Kevin took over things in 1986 and Russell retired in the early 1990s. Russell was a member of Union Baptist Church for 53 years, served as a Deacon for many years and was a life-long Gideon member. He served as a Lister for many years for the Town of Waterford. He thoroughly enjoyed making maple syrup. He won several blue ribbons at the Caledonia County Fair. He also enjoyed roadside marketing of the syrup and meeting people. Russell is survived by his loving wife, Patricia of Waterford; children, Ronald Powers and wife Sherrill, Kevin Powers and wife Debbie, Judith Daniels and husband Stephen, Sandra Grant and husband Kenneth, and Sharon Bohlen and husband Nick; a daughter-in-law, Jane Powers Lyon; and 21 grandchildren. He was predeceased by an infant daughter, Lois Eileen Powers; son, Daniel G. Powers; and two grandchildren, Kristen Grant, and Matthew Grant. Visiting hours will be Friday evening from 6 to 8 p.m. at Pearsons Funeral Home 70 Church St., Lyndonville. A funeral service will be held on Saturday, April 11, at 2 p.m., in the Union Baptist Church with Pastor Paul Powers, officiant. Interment will follow at the

Riverside Cemetery in Waterford. Memorial contributions may be made in Russell's name to either the Waterford Fire & Rescue Squad P.O. Box 56, Waterford, VT 05819 or the Union Baptist Church 932 US Route 5, Waterford, VT 05819.