

**Raymond Laferriere** passed away Monday, Aug. 1, 2010, at the age of 84, at the Vermont Veterans Home in Bennington. He was born in St. Johnsbury on Aug. 11, 1925; he was the next to youngest of 15 children of Joseph and Marie (Thibault) Laferriere. Raymond attended St. Johnsbury Trade School and later enlisted in the Army. He served in the 70th Infantry Division and also served as a military police at the Nuremburg trials in Germany during World War II. Raymond worked as a "finish" carpenter for many years. All through his years he was an avid hunter, fisherman and hiker, and an enthusiastic outdoorsman who knew much of the history of the Northeast Kingdom. Raymond is survived by his daughter Lorette Ray-Laferriere and husband Allen of Clackamas, Ore.; son Louis Laferriere and wife Mary of North Bend, Wash.; two grandchildren, Nichole and Lucas of Washington state; two great-grandchildren, Alyssa Marie and Matthew; brother Gilbert Laferriere and wife Virginia of Barre; and sister Lucille McCaffrey of Bellows Falls. He was predeceased by his parents, Joseph and Marie; siblings Marion, Zephirin, Alexander, Adeodat, Romeo, Yvonne, Irene, Germaine, Jeanette, Bernard, Andrew and Arthur; and infant daughter Joanne. Raymond was a devout Catholic. As a youth, he served as an altar boy at Notre Dame Des Victories church in St. Johnsbury, and was a member of the Knights of Columbus. A funeral Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, Aug. 7 at 1 p.m. at St. John the Evangelist Church in St. Johnsbury. Father Patrick Forman will officiate. Burial will follow at the Mt. Calvary Cemetery. Visiting hours will be held at Sayles Funeral Home on Friday evening from 6 to 8 p.m. Memorial contributions in Raymond's memory may be made to Vermont Veterans Home, 325 North St., Bennington, VT 05201.