

Richard O. Quimby, 81, of Skaneateles, N.Y., passed away on Feb. 2 at the Iroquois Nursing Home, Jamesville, N.Y. Born in Barnet, Vt., he served during World War II aboard the U.S.S. Juneau as an electrician's mate and was honorably discharged in 1946. In 1951, he was married to Beverly Macey of St. Johnsbury, Vt., graduating from the University of Vermont in 1953 with a Bachelor of Science in electrical engineering. Upon graduation, he joined the General Electric Company where he worked for over 36 years ending, his career with GE as manager of facilities, Syracuse, N.Y. During his working career, Dick was on the GE Engineering Test Program at the following locations: Burlington, Vt.; Schenectady, N.Y.; and Johnson City, N.Y.; working in Auburn, N.Y., for 24 years and in Syracuse, N.Y., for 10 years. During his working career, Dick enjoyed hunting with his dad and friends, boating, fishing and skiing. He was a member of the GE Elfun Society, AIEE, and a past member of the Auburn and Skaneateles Rotary, having served as president of the Auburn Rotary. He was an active member of the Skaneateles United Methodist Church. Dick and Bev purchased the family homestead, Quimby Hill, in Barnet, Vt., where they spent their summers after retirement, enjoying gatherings of family and friends, gardening and wildlife. He was a loving, generous husband, father and grandfather, while always offering a helping hand for extended family as well. He will be greatly missed for all of this plus his gift for laughter and as an example of integrity. Survivors include his wife of 56 years, Beverly Macey Quimby, daughter Sharon G. Nichols (Ed Marx) of Skaneateles, N.Y.; two sons, Richard S. Quimby (Julie) of West Boylston, Mass., and David O. Quimby (Eileen) of Camillus, N.Y.; three grandchildren, Tiffany Nichols Rath, Tyler Nichols, and Grace Quimby; three stepgrandchildren, Amy and Christina Johnston and Clair Byrnes; a brother, Sherman Quimby of Monroe, N.H.; double cousin Bernice Quimby of Monroe, N.H.; and several nephews and nieces. He was predeceased by his parents, Owen H. Quimby and Della Kay Quimby; and a sister, Mary Lasnier. At Dick's request, there will be no calling hours. A celebration of his life will be held Saturday, Feb. 9, at 11 a.m. at the United Methodist Church, 26 Jordan St., Skaneateles, N.Y. A burial service will be held in Barnet, Vt. Donations may be made to the Skaneateles Methodist Church.