

Everett "Ziggy" Ruggles, of Skyview Terrace in St. Johnsbury, Vt., loving father, grandfather and brother, passed away at NVRH early Sunday, Feb. 10, 2008, surrounded by his loving family, after complications from his kidney disease, nearly a year to the day since the passing of his dear wife Joyce. He was born Aug. 26, 1927, in St. Johnsbury, the son of Duane and Lura (Farnham) Ruggles. He attended the St. Johnsbury Trade School and later served in the U.S. Navy. He then married Joyce Brown and was happily married for 45 years. Throughout his life, he helped hundreds of people while employed at Sears, Peck Hardware, Brink's, and most recently, at St. Jay Hardware. Everyone appreciated Dad's sense of humor and wit. Dad was a real trooper fighting his kidney disease, going to dialysis three days a week. Not a day went by that he didn't ask about his three children and eight grandchildren, making sure that they knew how much he loved them. "You better believe it!" He is survived by his daughter, Laurie Lanctot and son-in-law Jim of Thetford (P.O. Box 54, 05074) and their children Holli, Garrett, and Gavin; his son, Troy Ruggles and daughter-in-law Kelly of St. Johnsbury (40 Donna Dr., 05819) and their children Andrew and Samantha; his daughter, Stacie Beliveau and son-in-law Chris of Danville (477 Dole Hill Rd., 05828) and their children Cole, Carlie, and Allie; his sister, Natalie Mann of Preston Md., brother-in-law Roger Brown and wife Sharron of Hartland, Vt.; three sisters-in-law, Marti Earnheart of White River Junction, Vt., Lorraine Brown of South Strafford, Vt., Sylvia "Soupi" Brown of South Strafford Vt.; many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his sister, Daune Borden and brother-in-law George Mann. Services will be held Thursday, Feb. 14, 2008, at 2 p.m. at the Grace United Methodist Church with the pastor, the Rev. John Marshall officiating. Visiting hours will be held at the Sayles Funeral Home Wednesday 4-7 p.m. Contributions, marked in Ziggy's name for the expected new dialysis center, may be directed to Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital, Attn: Jim Flynn, P.O. Box 905, St. Johnsbury, VT 05819. Sayles Funeral home is located at 525 Summer St. in St. Johnsbury.