

George A. Babcock Sr., 81, of St. Johnsbury, Vt., died peacefully Saturday evening, Oct. 13, 2007, at his home with his family by his side. He was born April 13, 1926, in East St. Johnsbury, Vt., son of the late Charles H. and Julia (Longmore) Babcock. George graduated from St. Johnsbury Academy in 1945. George entered the U.S. Marine Corps and served during World War II in the South Pacific and later was called back to duty during the Korean conflict. He was a life member of the V.F.W. Post 10038 of Lyndonville, Vt., and the D.A.V. A dairy farmer in South Kirby, Vt., for 20 years, George also worked at The Caledonian-Record for nearly 30 years as the third pressman, retiring in 1991. He then worked at EHV Weidmann on the green team and later for security completing 10 years there. Following retirement, he enjoyed salmon fishing on Lake Ontario for several years. He also enjoyed local fishing and hunting most of his life. He could be seen walking his dogs several times a day in the neighborhood. Survivors include his son, George A. Babcock Jr. and his wife Bonnie of Virginia Beach, Va.; four sisters, Barbara Babcock of St. Johnsbury, Vera Shastany of Concord, Vt., Ruth Brown of St. Johnsbury, and Alice Steinmuller and husband William of Florida; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his wife, whom he married in 1955, Marion F. (Emerson) Babcock in 1978; two brothers, Robert and Charles Babcock; and two sisters, Priscilla Simpson and Clementine Brown. A memorial service will be held Saturday, Oct. 20, at 1 p.m., at the Lyndonville VFW Post 10038, (located on Hill Street Extension) with close family friend Mr. Reed Garfield officiating. Burial will be in Grove Cemetery in East St. Johnsbury, Vt. Memorial donations made in his memory may be directed to Caledonia Home Health Inc., P. O. Box 383, St. Johnsbury, VT 05819 or to the charity of one's choice.