

**Merton C. Kittredge**, 80, of St. Johnsbury, passed away Saturday evening, March 10, 2007; his health had been failing since June 2005. He was born in St. Johnsbury on April 19, 1926, the youngest of four children born to Harry and Gladys (Johnson) Kittredge. He was a member of the St. Johnsbury Academy Class of 1945. He married Marvel Ash of Sheffield on Aug. 14, 1949. They had never lived anywhere else except for their Spring Street home. Merton managed the liquor store in St. Johnsbury in three locations, Main Street, Eastern Avenue and Railroad Street. He worked for the state from 1947 to 1984; about 25 of those years, he was store manager. Mert was a member of Washburn Lodge 92 in Danville. He had been a past master and recipient of the Mason's Meritorious Service Award. He was also active in the Order of Eastern Star. Mert was currently the Worthy Patron of Diamond Chapter in Danville. He was also a member the Shrine/Mt. Sinai Temple 6. He is survived by his wife Marvel of St. Johnsbury (258 Spring St. 05819); daughter Rachel K. Heywood and husband John of McIndoe Falls (P.O. Box 73, 05050); son Michael A. Kittredge of St. Johnsbury; three grandchildren, Justin C. Heywood of St. Johnsbury, Sean W. Heywood and wife Robin of Monroe N.H., Carolyn H. Brennan and husband Patrick of South Hero; three great-grandchildren, Dylan and Alexander Heywood, and Rowan Brennan. He was predeceased by a brother, Harold Kittredge, and by two sisters, Natalie Bracey and Marion Irving. Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Sayles Funeral Home with his pastor, the Rev. John Marshall, and family friend, John Sleeper, officiating. Burial will be at a later date at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery. Visiting hours will be held at the Sayles Funeral Home Tuesday evening 6 to 8 p.m. The Order of Eastern Star will have a service at 7 p.m. before they adjourn to

their regular monthly meeting. A Masonic service will follow the O.E.S. service. Memorial contributions may be directed to Kingdom Animal Shelter, P.O. Box 462, St. Johnsbury, VT 05819.