

Frederick "Fred" C. Mayo, originally of St. Johnsbury, passed away at The Pines in Lyndon Monday afternoon, Nov. 3, 2008, at the age of 80. He was born in St. Johnsbury, on Jan. 3, 1928, the second of seven children born to Francis and Dometille (Bernier) Mayo. He graduated from St. Johnsbury Academy in the Class of '46. He served in the United States Navy on a destroyer for two years, then entered the University of Vermont on the GI Bill. He graduated from there in 1952 with a B.S. in Business Administration. He was the first in his family to go to college. He became a salesman for Swift Ice Cream in Virginia for several years and then a claims manager for the Railroad Retirement Board. For 20-plus years, he was the Training Director for the American Hospital Association, retiring from there fifteen years ago. He lived in Chicago for 44 years, returning to St. Johnsbury four years ago. Fred was a second father to his brothers and sisters and a favorite of his numerous nieces and nephews. He was generous to a fault, always ready to give to anybody in the family with a need, and a benefactor to a dozen charities. He had a terrific Irish tenor voice and sang in his churches' choirs, wherever he lived. He was especially in demand to sing at weddings and funerals for all of his years in Chicago. Fred always delighted in kids. In the 1940s, he would let us beg him to tell us ghost stories at night in bed. He would always do it on one condition: that once he started he would not stop, no matter how scared we got and no matter how much we begged him to stop. We always squealed for him to stop, but as soon as he finished, we would beg him to tell us another one. Fred was a wonderful man. We will never forget him. He is survived by three brothers John Mayo of St. Johnsbury, Bernier Mayo and wife Jeanette of St. Johnsbury, and Michael Mayo and wife Priscilla of Waterford;

by a sister Marceline Nadeau and husband John of Lancaster; and a brother-in-law Wesley Brill of St. Johnsbury. He was predeceased by two sisters Elaine Driscoll and Anne Warren Brill. A funeral Mass will be celebrated in St. Johnsbury this Thursday, at 11 a.m., at St. John the Evangelist Church. There will be no visiting hours. Memorial contributions may be directed to The Good Shepherd Foundation, PO Box 146, St. Johnsbury VT 05819.