



KIMBALL: Lawrence E., 74, of St. Johnsbury, died Tuesday, July 8, 2003, at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, N.H., of respiratory complications following surgery. He was born in St. Johnsbury Feb. 4, 1929, the son of Lewis E. and Bernice (Lawrence) Kimball. On May 14, 1960 he married the former Ann Rogers Weaver of New York. Survivors include son Jonathan and wife Patricia of Georgetown, Maine, daughter Sarah of New York City, and son Jeremy and wife Magda of Santa Rosa, Calif.; two grandchildren, Nicholas Lawrence and Andrew James of Santa Rosa, Calif.; a sister, Virginia Johnson and husband Raymond of St. Johnsbury; a niece, Kimberly Johnson Kidney and husband David of Montpelier; a nephew, Michael Johnson of Manteo, N.C.; an aunt, Doris Lawrence of St. Johnsbury; and several cousins. Larry graduated from St. Johnsbury Academy in 1947, the University of Vermont with academic honors in 1951, and from Georgetown Law Center in 1955 after a year of work at the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation in Washington, D.C. He then clerked for attorney John Swainbank in 1955 and opened his own practice thereafter. He was elected to two terms as town representative in 1957 and 1959, served as state's attorney in

1960 and as Municipal Court judge for the Northeast Kingdom from 1961 through 1968. When the judgeship became full-time he chose to remain with his practice rather than seek to continue on the bench. Larry was honored as Citizen of the Year by the Jaycees, for which he had served as a regional officer. He was a founding director of the Youth Services Bureau, a director of the early Northeast Kingdom Mental Health, an NVRH incorporator, a long-term UVM Alumni Council Representative, and a trustee of Wildridge Academy in Newark. Larry's career was characterized by a reputation for integrity and his strong belief that anyone needing legal representation deserved it, regardless of his ability to pay. He served thousands in his 48 years of practice from which he had yet to retire. Given opportunities to practice elsewhere, he nevertheless chose to return to his home town, for which he always felt a strong attachment. He enjoyed the simple pleasures of his surroundings; his dogs and cats, bird watching and squirrel antics, woodchuck visits, the changing seasons and the sounds of the river. In keeping with his love of animals, he served as treasurer of the Elizabeth H. Brown Humane Society Inc., and had been involved with the Vermont Humane Foundation. He and his wife were honorary lifetime members of The Champlain Valley Kennel Club and a member of state, regional and national dog clubs. They exhibited dogs successfully for many years in the U.S. and Canada. Larry enjoyed classical movies and musicals, he played the piano and enjoyed hearing the morning radio program which featured oldies and big band sounds. While afflicted with cerebral palsy, he demonstrated that a disability is not necessarily a handicap. In fact, at benefit dances the line of women waiting to jitterbug with him attested to his dancing abilities, and he faltered only at skiing and ice skating.

People were drawn to his kindness and sense of humor, and his dry Vermont wit carried him through many trying times. He truly enjoyed people and in recent years missed visiting with old friends. His passing is a great loss to his family and the community. There will be no visiting hours. An announcement regarding a September memorial service will be made at a later date. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Elizabeth H. Brown Humane Society Inc., in care of Patricia Mitchell, 80 Buttonwood Lane, Victory, VT 05858.