

David P. Tower, age 78, a lifelong East Burke resident passed away suddenly Sunday, Nov. 16, 2008, at the Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital. Born May 30, 1930, in Lyndonville, he is the son of the late Joseph and Effie (Stickney) Tower. David spent his childhood in East Burke. He graduated from St. Johnsbury Trade School in 1949. He attended Lyndon State College graduating with a teaching degree. He enlisted in the US Army in November 1949 serving during the Korean Conflict in Germany and Korea. He married Thelma Brockney on July 10, 1955, in St. Johnsbury. David owned and operated David Tower Construction in East Burke, he taught as a school teacher in Bridgeport, Wheelock and Concord Schools. He was an active member of the East Burke Congregational Church, serving as a Deacon, and sexton, seeing that the Church was cleaned and cared for, for many years. David was a member of the VFW Lyndonville Post #10038 and the American Legion Lyndonville Post #30. He served the Town of Burke for many years on the Zoning Board. David is survived by his loving wife of 53 years, Thelma Tower of East Burke; four children and their spouses, Linda and Frank Harran of Mary Esther, Fla., Larry and Elaine Sargent, Paul, Jr. and Patsy Tower both of East Burke, Kim and Paul Downing of Kirby; 10 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; a brother, Maurice Tower and wife Janet of East Burke; and his faithful dog Benji. He was predeceased by his parents and brother, William Tower. The family will receive friends Wednesday evening Nov. 19, between the hours of 6 and 8 p.m. at Pearsons Funeral Home. A funeral service will be held Thursday, Nov. 20, 11 a.m., at the East Burke Congregational Church with the Rev. Jennifer Geary, officiant. Interment will follow in the Woodmont Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made in David's name to the East Burke Congregational Church.