

McFARLIN: Dr. Rodney H., 70, died Monday, Feb. 3, 2003 in Springfield, Vt. He was born in St. Johnsbury to Raymond Carlton and Mildred Hardy McFarlin, May 25, 1932. He graduated from St. Johnsbury Academy. Following high school, he served as a paratrooper in the 11th Airborne. Staff sgt. McFarlin served at Fort Campbell, Ky., and Augsburg, Germany. Upon his return to civilian life, he graduated from Lyndon Teacher's College, earned his master's degree from the University of Vermont, and his doctor of philosophy degree from Kent State University in Kent, Ohio. Dr. McFarlin devoted his professional life to education. He was a teacher and coach at Williston Central School in Williston; teaching principal at Westford Village School in Westford; supervising principal at Williston Central School in Williston; director of the Action Center in Essex Junction; teacher of graduate courses at St. Michael's College in Winooski; superintendent of schools for Essex-Caledonia Supervisory Union in Concord; adjunct assistant professor of education at the University of Vermont in Burlington; director of admissions and development at St. Johnsbury Academy in St. Johnsbury; superintendent of schools for the Rutland Northeast Supervisory Union in Brandon; superintendent of schools for the Peru Central School District in Peru, N.Y.; superintendent of schools for the Cumberland School Department in Cumberland, R.I.; and principal at Chester-Andover Elementary School in Chester. He is survived by his devoted and loving wife Charlotte Fink McFarlin of North Springfield, whom he married July 10, 1954; his loving children, Michael E. and Pauline McFarlin of Peru, N.Y., Patrick L. and Melinda McFarlin of Newport, N.H., David K. McFarlin of Brownsville, Vt., and Laurie (McFarlin) and Franklyn Hudson of Pittsford; a sister, Malva M. Lavigne of Shelburne; a brother-in-law, Stanley Fink of Milford, N.H.; eight grandchildren;

and two nephews. A memorial service will be held Saturday, Feb. 8, at 2 p.m., at the First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ in Springfield. The Rev. William E. Nelson will officiate. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Meals on Wheels of Springfield, or the First Congregational Church of Springfield.