

JOHNSTON: Bill, 67, of Georgetown, Texas, and formerly of Milton, passed away Thursday, Feb. 19, 2004, following a three-year battle with leukemia. The son of Enos and Agnes (Dumas) Johnston, he was born April 15, 1936, in St. Johnsbury. Bill grew up in St. Johnsbury and graduated from St. Johnsbury Academy in 1955. He then entered the Navy and spent the next five years serving his country. Bill married and moved to Milton, where he raised his family and lived for 30 years. He was employed at IBM in Essex Junction as a machinist for 26 years. He retired from IBM in 1990 and spent his retirement years summering in New England and wintering in Texas. He is survived by his children, Tami Gervais of Enosburg Falls, Cindy Phelps of Georgetown, Texas, Bill S. Johnston of Underhill, and Michael Johnston of Westford; seven grandchildren; a step-sister; his aunt; three nieces; a nephew; many cousins; extended family and friends. He was predeceased by his sister, Mary. A memorial service will be held Saturday, March 20, 1 p.m., at Sayles Funeral Home on Summer Street in St. Johnsbury. A reception to celebrate Bill's life will immediately follow at Black Bear Tavern. All are welcome. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society.