

Bob Fleming, of Lyndon, passed away peacefully at home on Tuesday, July 8, 2008, at the age of 71. He was born in St. Johnsbury, June 19, 1937, the son of Gordon and Doris (Pratt) Fleming. He was raised by Gordon and Florence Neil Fleming who combined the Fleming-Neil families as one. Bob graduated from St. Johnsbury Academy in 1957. He served in the US Army from 1959 to 1962. The majority of his working life was spent operating heavy equipment. Many of his friends called him "Jose." He is survived by his wife Jennifer (Jones) Fleming; two children Karen Clouatre and husband Stephen of Portland, Maine, and Matthew Fleming, cmdr. of the USS Nicholas, and wife Carrie, of Stafford, Va.; seven grandchildren, Justin, Erik, Patrick, Mitchell, Nickolaus, Alyson, and Elizabeth; his loving mother Florence Fleming of St. Johnsbury; six surviving brothers and sisters, Bernard Neil of Bellows Falls, Bryant Fleming and wife Lyn of Waterford, James Neil and wife Sue of Claremont, N.H., Muriel Clark and husband Bob of Barre, Sharon Fleming of Hartford, Conn., and Brenda Fleming of Florida; sister-in-law Andrea Neil of West Glover; nieces and nephews; and his dog Sammy. He was predeceased by his father, Gordon; two brothers David and Walter Neil, and two infant brothers Lloyd and Bruce Fleming. Memorial services will be held on Friday, Aug. 22, at 11 a.m., at the Lyndonville United Methodist Church. The pastor, the Rev. Barbara Dwyer, will officiate. Contributions in Bob's memory may be directed to either the Lyndonville United Methodist Church, PO Box 193, Lyndonville, VT 05851, or The American Diabetes Association, 1 Kennedy Drive, Suite L8, South Burlington, VT 05403, or Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital, PO Box 905, St. Johnsbury, VT 05819.