

Ronald W. "Ronnie" Bumps, of North Danville, died suddenly early Wednesday morning, April 27, 2005, at the age of 58. He was born April 5, 1947, in Goffstown, N.H., the son of the late Henry W. and Ruby E. (Walker) Bumps. He was a graduate of St. Johnsbury Trade School, Class of 1965. Following trade school, he entered the U.S. Navy and served on the USS Soley for three years. After the service, he married Joanne L. Johnson on Sept. 6, 1969. He worked 30-plus years at ET & HK Ide Co. where he was a mill worker and dispatcher. For the last four years, he was employed by NSA Industries as a truck driver. Ronnie was a member of a league at Gold Crown Lanes. He enjoyed softball, volleyball, golf, snowmobiling, NASCAR and local auto racing. He especially liked helping his farm friends hay, sugar, log, and build, as well as camping with family and gathering with friends. Survivors include his wife of 35 years, Joanne, of North Danville; three sons, Ronald W. Bumps Jr. and his wife Jolene of North Concord, Sgt. Keith Bumps of North Danville, Nicholas Bumps of North Danville; four grandchildren, Coleton, Lakenna, Preston and Duston; his sister, Judy Lasnier and her husband Gary of Lyndonville; his mother-in-law, Eleanor Johnson of Whitefield, N.H.; brothers- and sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews and many close friends. Funeral services will be held this Saturday, April 30, at 11 a.m. at the Guibord Funeral Home with the Rev. Robert H. Sargent officiating. Friends may meet with the family Friday evening from 6-8 at the funeral home. Burial will be held at the convenience of the family at Mount Pleasant Cemetery in St. Johnsbury. Since many members of Ronnie's family have been stricken with cancer over the years, donations made in his name may be sent to American Cancer Society, 11 Loomis St., Montpelier VT 05602.