

Renaud J. "Ray" Gauthier, of Oak Street, St. Johnsbury, passed away suddenly early Monday morning, Dec. 12, 2005, at the age of 57. He was born Feb. 9, 1948, in Coaticook, Quebec, and was the son of Ludger and Laurette (Scott) Gauthier. His mother, Laurette Hier, survives him. Ray attended St. Johnsbury Trade School. He married Susan Jenkins Aug. 22, 1970. He worked at Northeast Tool for 17 years and was currently employed by St. Johnsbury Academy both as a custodian and instructional assistant in auto studies. He was a member of VFW Post 10038 in Lyndonville. Besides his mother, Laurette Hier of Berlin N.H., he is survived by his wife, Susan Gauthier of St. Johnsbury (79 Oak St., 05819); his daughter, Shelly May and her husband Edward of Gainesville, Ga. (3420 Osceola Trail, 30506); his son, Ryan Gauthier and Sarah Richey of Colchester, Vt. (186 Woodbine by the Lake #2, 05446); twin granddaughters, Katlyn and Courtney May, and Sarah's daughter, Sadie Moody; his twin sister, Ramona Solari and her husband Douglas of Englewood, Fla.; brothers, Paul Gauthier and his wife Linda of Chocowinity, N.C., and David Gauthier and his wife Tracey of Virginia Beach, Va.; mother-in-law, Wilma Dodge and her husband Ralph of South Wheelock; brothers-in-law, Ronald Jenkins of St. Johnsbury, and Blakely Jenkins and his wife Christine of St. Johnsbury; sister-in-law, Sherry Jenkins of Lyndon Corner; and nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be held this Friday at 11 a.m. at the North Congregational Church. The pastor, the Rev. Jay Sprout, will officiate with selected readings by Fr. Richard O'Donnell of St. Johns Church. Following cremation, his remains will be buried in the springtime with military honors at the family lot in Woodmont Cemetery in East Burke where his infant son, Scott, is buried. Visiting hours will be held at the Sayles Funeral Home Thursday evening from 5-8 p.m. Ray was so proud to have

served his country during the Vietnam Conflict. The family thought it appropriate to direct memorial contributions to benefit needy veterans and their families to the Veteran's Hospital, Attn: Voluntary Services, 215 No. Main St., White River Jct., VT 05009.