

**BATES: Michael E.**, 50, of Upper Birch Drive, Bristol, N.H., died Friday, April 30, 2004, as a result of injuries sustained in an accident. He was born Dec. 6, 1953 in St. Johnsbury, Vt., the son of Edward and Yolande (Larose) Bates. Michael was raised in St. Johnsbury and graduated from St. Johnsbury Academy. He then went on to attend Bentley College. Shortly after college, Michael found his true passion in life, construction site work, and had become a highly sought-after superintendent for a number of companies throughout New Hampshire. He had been employed by Atom Construction, Coleman Construction, and most recently, Piscopo Construction. Mr. Bates was an avid fisherman. He also enjoyed hunting and the outdoors. Michael was a loving husband, father, son and brother. He will be sadly missed by his family and friends. In addition to his parents of St. Johnsbury, he is survived by his wife, Sarah (White) Bates of Bristol, N.H.; one daughter, Jaime Pearl of St. Johnsbury; one brother, Rodney Bates of Laconia, N.H.; one sister, Barbara Hinerth of Bethlehem, N.H.; and aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews. Services/memorial calling hours will be held from 3-6 p.m., Wednesday, May 5, at the Emmons Funeral Home, 115 South Main St., Bristol, NH 03222. Vigil services will be conducted at 3 p.m. in the funeral home.