

John J. Kelliher, 49, of St. Johnsbury, beloved son, brother, partner, and friend, died Wednesday, Nov. 12, 2008, at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, N.H. He was born in Ann Arbor, Mich., on Dec. 19, 1959, one of six sons born to Robert and Virginia (Swyers) Kelliher. He graduated from St. Johnsbury Academy with the class of 1977. John was a lover of nature, particularly of fish and birds. He had a lot of happy memories at the family camp on Miles Pond. He also loved to cook and bake. He was a big skier and resided in Colorado for close to 10 years. He is survived by his domestic partner Bethany Ridley of St. Johnsbury (373 Spring St. Apt. #4, 05819); his parents Robert and Virginia Kelliher of St. Petersburg, Fla., (7400 46th Ave. North, Lot #403, 33709); five brothers, Frank Kelliher of New Zealand, Daniel Kelliher and wife Lori of Peacham, Ed Kelliher and wife Judy of Pennsylvania, Rob Kelliher and wife Christine of Maryland, Richard Kelliher and wife Melissa of St. Petersburg Fla.; nieces and nephews; and Bethany's parents Ralph and Emily Ridley of Shapleigh, Maine. This Sunday, from 3 to 5 p.m., Bethany would be pleased to receive friends at the Sayles Funeral Home to share stories and memories of John. After 5 p.m. all are welcome to stop by Bethany's home for potluck and more stories. His remains were buried in the family lot in East St. Johnsbury. Memorial contributions could be directed to SAD/SAC, c/o Caledonian Record, P.O. Box 8, St. Johnsbury, VT 05819