

Edwin Leland Bowman, 69, of Derby, died at his home on February 7, 2011, surrounded by his loving family. He was born June 23, 1941, in Newport Center, a son of Baxter and Evelyn (Wilcox) Bowman. On April 19, 1962, he married Alice Mae Labounty who survives him. Mr. Bowman graduated from Derby Academy in 1960 and later from St. Johnsbury Trade School in the automotive field. He was a farmer for 26 years, and he was never afraid of a good day's work. He also worked for Bond Auto as a delivery man and more recently drove bus for Rural Community Transportation. He enjoyed gardening and taking care of his lawn. He was also a school bus driver for many years for Derby students who brought him much joy. He cherished spending time with his children and grandchildren as well as vacations to Florida. He loved the Lord, and his life was a true testament to his devotion to God and his family. He is survived by his wife, Alice Bowman, of Derby; by his four children: Joann Lawson and her husband, Mark, of Coventry, Karen Thomas and her husband, John, of Wauchula, Florida, Steven Bowman and his wife, Kerry, of West Charleston and Scott Bowman and his friend, Anita Tester, of Derby; by his grandchildren: Danielle Ingalls and her husband, Kyle, Shawn and Kevin Lawson, Sarah, Hannah, and Hayley Thomas, Ryan and Mariah Bowman, Ashley, Kylie, and Christopher Bowman, and Dylan and Sierra Tester; by eight brothers and sisters: Marshall Bowman and his wife, Esther, of Coventry, Dennis Bowman and his wife, Velma, of Meredith, New Hampshire, Durward Bowman of Hinsdale, New Hampshire, Bernice Blair and her husband, George, of Bellevue, Washington, Joyce Rines and her husband, David, of Shirley, Massachusetts, Linda Yandle and her husband, Tony, of Emmaus, Pennsylvania, Louise Laravie and her husband, Ross, of Coventry, and Joan Swenson and her husband, Clifford, of Barton; by his sister-in-law Marion Bowman of Orleans; and by several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by two grandchildren, Jason Lawson and Nathan Bowman; by two brothers, Winston Bowman and his wife, Velma; and Gerald Bowman. Funeral services were on February 11 at the Curtis-Britch-Converse-Rushford Funeral Home in Newport with the Reverend Glenn Saaman officiating.