

Harold E. Lyon, 77, of St. Johnsbury, passed away at home April 1, 2007, after a brief illness. The son of Murray and Blanche (Heywood) Lyon, Harold was a lifelong resident of St. Johnsbury and left this world in the same house he was born. He married Erlene Bean of town. They were married for 36 years prior to Erlene losing her battle with cancer in 1988. Harold was an alumnus of the St. Johnsbury Trade School. During the Korean Conflict, he served in an U.S. Army medical support unit from 1952 to 1954. Upon returning to St. Johnsbury, Harold worked on the family farm, for ET & HK Ide Co., and drove truck for George Cohen. After establishing himself as a skilled carpenter, Harold began his own contracting business in 1966. He remained active throughout his life. Harold was involved in many civic organizations, particularly the Elks, the Masons, and the Shriners. He was a member and Past Exalted Ruler of St. Johnsbury Elks B.P.O.E. 1343 and served as District Deputy North. A lifelong member of the Passumpsic Lodge 27, he served as its master mason for years right up until his death. Harold was a member of the Shriners Mt. Sinai 3 and was a 32-degree mason in the Scottish Rite. Harold served with many friends in the Provost Guard, and was one of the original founders of the Mt. Sinai Fire Brigade. He enjoyed squeezing into his small Shriner fire engine and waving at the kids in the crowds as far away as New Brunswick and New Jersey. Harold had served as Mt. Sinai's Grand Potentate for the state of Vermont in 2001. He was predeceased by daughter Christie Sevigny of Syracuse, N.Y. He is survived by four children, Ann Brooks and husband Bruce of Navarre, Fla. (8350 Beleza St. 32566), Pamela Lamont and husband David of St. Johnsbury (629 Parker Ave. 05819), Linda Veilleux and husband Armand of Waterford (140 High Ridge Road 05819), and Richard Lyon and wife Carol of St. Johnsbury (605 Parker Ave. 05819); 11 grandchildren, Kimberly and Chad Brooks, Beverly (Lamont) Lethlean and Ashton Lamont, Mark Veilleux, Jeremy, Justin, Jonathan and Megan Sevigny, and Timothy and Mathew Lyon; two great-grandsons, Trenton and Logan Sevigny; a brother, Paul Lyon and wife Sandy of Waterford; half-brother Walter Ladd of St. Johnsbury; and half-sister Barbara Mathews of Waterford. Three half-sisters also

predeceased him, Mildred Ladd, Gertrude Ladd and Wilma Halpin. Funeral services will be held Saturday, April 7, at 11 a.m., at Grace United Methodist Church. Burial will be at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery. Visiting hours will be held at Sayles Funeral Home on Friday from 5 to 8 p.m. A Masonic tribute will conclude the visiting hours. Memorial contributions could be directed to Shriners Hospital for Children, 51 Blossom St., Boston, MA 02114.