



John T. Nelson, 80, died Wednesday, July 13, 2016, at the St. Johnsbury Health & Rehabilitation Center following a sudden illness.

John was born March 30, 1936, in Haverhill, NH, the son of the late Robert and Lottie (Gochee) Nelson. He grew up in and around St. Johnsbury and graduated from St. Johnsbury Trade School. On September 21, 1956 he married the former Patricia (Gilman) and shared nearly 60 years together. He was a hunter and fisherman and was able to take fishing trips to Alaska. He enjoyed cutting wood and taking trips to Maine to spend time at the ocean. For over fifty years he worked at VT Tap & Die. John was an avid worker, but a very devoted husband, father, grand and great-grandfather.

Survivors include his wife of 60 years, Patricia; son, Michael (Julie) Nelson of Orleans, VT; daughter, Terri Nelson of Sheffield; brothers, Donald "Donnie" (Geraldine) Nelson of Sheffield, Ronald "Ronnie" Nelson of St. Johnsbury, Phillip "Bingy" (Barb) Nelson of St. Johnsbury; sisters, Lillian "Sis" (George) Treagus of St. Johnsbury, Florence "Tootie" Matthewson of St. Johnsbury, Ruth "Ruthie" (Leonard) Woodward of Danville, Lottie "Jayne" Nelson of Lyndonville, Francis "Frannie" Nelson of Wells River; grandchildren, Elysha (Matt) Thurston, Christopher Eastman, David "Ben" Nelson, Danielle (Tucker Dunlavy) Nelson and Tricia Eckhardt; 5 great grandchildren, Lilah, Grady, Reed, Jamison and Elijah and several nieces and nephews.

John was predeceased by three brothers, Robert "Pat", Scott "Bill" and Paul Nelson; a sister, Harriett Davis and a sister-in-law, Dorothy Nelson.

At the convenience of the family, a private graveside service will be at the Lyndon Center Cemetery with the Rev. Barbara Dwyer officiating.

Memorial donations may be made to Santa Fund, 1187 Main Street, Suite 3, St. Johnsbury, VT 05819