

Merrill Jesseman, 81

Merrill W. Jesseman, of Sutton, died suddenly at his home Tuesday evening, Oct. 3, 2006, at the age of 81. He was born July 16, 1925, in Sutton, Vt. (the same home he had lived in all his life), the last surviving child of the late Gilbert and Lucy (Jenkins) Jesseman. He attended Sutton schools and Lyndon Institute. On July 19, 1958, he married Fayleen Pillsbury. After his father became blind, Merrill quit school so he could operate the family farm, which he ran until 1961. He then began working full-time as a logger with his work horses and hayed his farm with them as well. Merrill enjoyed meeting and talking with people, telling stories of years gone by. He truly enjoyed spending time mentoring his grandchildren, as well as the many other young people who visited his farm. Survivors include his wife of nearly 50 years, Fayleen P. Jesseman of Sutton; a son, Alan Jesseman of Fairlee; two daughters, Kathleen Davis and her husband Eric of Cornwall, and Merrillee Blair and her husband Peter of East Lyndon; six grandchildren, Holly, Cody and Merrill Blair, and Candy, Donald and Catherine Sylvester; several great-grandchildren; two cousins, Hazel Minko and Melton Jesseman; and many friends. He was predeceased by his stepson, Ronald Sylvester, in 1992; his brother, Malcolm Jesseman; and his two sisters and their husbands, Erma and William Godfrey, and Ethelyn and Henry Colby. Funeral services will be held Saturday, Oct. 7, at 11 a.m., at the Sutton Freewill Baptist Church with the Rev. David Colwell officiating. Burial will follow in the Sutton Village Cemetery. There will be no visiting hours. In lieu of flowers, donations made in his memory may be directed to Lyndon Rescue Inc., P.O. Box 401, Lyndonville, VT 05851. Arrangements are by Guibord Funeral Home, Lyndonville.