

**Ronald D. "Ron" Gilman**, 61, of Lyndonville, died Friday, June 12, 2009, at St. Johnsbury Health and Rehabilitation Center, with his wife Janet at his side. He was born Sept. 16, 1947, in St. Johnsbury, the son of Elbert and Leonora (Brown) Gilman. A graduate of St. Johnsbury Trade School, Ron later entered the U.S. Air Force. He served for several years and was a sergeant when he was honorably discharged in 1973. He worked as a truck driver for St. Johnsbury Trucking Co. for nearly 20 years. He then worked at Kennametal, formerly VT Tap & Die Co., for 14 years. Music was a very important part of Ron's life. He played guitar, mandolin, fiddle, and sang for many years at dances and functions with several area bands including, Best of Friends Band, Country Americans, Gone Country, North Bound, and the Krazy Kountry Band. He also was very good at fixing things, mechanics, and he enjoyed bowling. Survivors include his wife, Janet (Summers) Gilman of Lyndonville (P.O. Box 1082, 05851); a daughter, Mariko Raymond and husband John of Lyndonville; two sons, Ricky Christian and David Christian both of Kentucky; a brother, Terry Gilman and wife Patricia of East Concord; a sister, Susan Gilman of Claremont, N.H.; seven grandchildren, Kurtis, Cameron, Delaney, Veronica, Ricky, Connor, and Chandler; Janet's children, Mark Simpson and wife Janet and family of Lyndonville, Jeffrey Simpson and wife Mary and family of Lyndonville, Michael Simpson and wife Wendy and family of Barnet, and Deborah Webber and husband DC of East Haven; nieces, nephews, and many friends. He was predeceased by his parents. Graveside funeral services will be held Friday, June 19 at 3 p.m. at Mount Pleasant Cemetery in St. Johnsbury. There will be no calling hours. Donations made in his memory may be directed to either, Caledonia Home Health Inc., 161 Sherman Drive, St. Johnsbury, VT 05819, or Norris Cotton Cancer Center North, c/o Jim Flynn P.O. Box 905, St. Johnsbury, VT 05819.