



Eugene "Gene" Bickford

September 5, 1944 - January 15, 2009

COLEBROOK, NH – Mr. Eugene “Gene” Bickford, 64, of Colebrook, passed away suddenly on Thursday evening, January 15, 2009, at the Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital in Colebrook, NH.

Mr. Bickford was born September 5, 1944, in North Conway, NH, a son of the late Lawrence Bickford and Florence (Kittredge) Bickford.

Gene served in the U.S. Army in the late 1960s and was stationed in Korea, after which he was honorably discharged and then returned to northern New Hampshire where he then lived for more than 30 years. In 1992, he married Debra Hartlen.

For many years, Mr. Bickford was employed at Tillotson Healthcare Company in Dixville Notch.

Gene was an avid outdoorsman, and he loved to hunt and fish and be out in the woods. He also loved to do mechanical work on his vehicles and to drive his tractor. He was known to always be willing to lend a helping hand to anyone who needed it.

He leaves behind his beloved daughter, Karen Hodgdon, of Colebrook; two grandchildren, Kim Hodgdon and Darrell Bousquet; four great-grandchildren,

Ciarra Gray, Ayden John Bousquet, Christopher Bousquet and Kayley Bousquet; two sisters, Betty Lesperance of North Stratford and Ann Jones of Center Barnstead, NH; four sisters-in-law, Reona Hartlen of Colebrook, Patty Clark of Colebrook, Peanut Eastman of Colebrook, Judy Reynolds of Colebrook, and Michelle Hartlen of West Stewartstown; a brother-in-law, Donald Hartlen; and a close cousin, Junior Bickford.

There will be no calling hours. A graveside service will be held with military honors in the spring at the Colebrook Village Cemetery. Expressions of sympathy in memory of Mr. Bickford may be made to the Two Rivers Ride for Cancer, c/o Rosemary Mulliken at The First Colebrook Bank, 132 Main Street, Colebrook, NH 03576.

Condolences may be offered to the family by going to www.jenkinsnewman.com.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home, Colebrook, NH.