



Harry E. Barnes, Jr.

May 19, 1931 - April 25, 2006

PITTSBURG, NH – Mr. Harry E. Barnes, Jr., 74, of Old Country Lane in Pittsburg, NH, passed away at his home on April 25, 2006. Mr. Barnes was born May 19, 1931, in Plymouth, MA, the son of the late Harry E. Barnes, Sr. and Hazel G. (Cowdry) Barnes. After graduating from high school, Mr. Barnes was a member of the U.S. Naval Reserve. He was married to Gwendolyn Mary Caron on June 16, 1956, and they were married for 35 years. They resided in Sunapee, NH, where he was employed by the New Hampshire Electric Cooperative as a lineman, and where they raised two children. In 1988, Mr. Barnes transferred to the Colebrook district and he retired from line work in 1991. He continued on a part-time basis with the Co-op reading meters until 1995. Mr. Barnes was a member of the Lake Sunapee Skin Divers Club, twice being called upon to search for and rescue drowning victims. He also enjoyed many years of diving in Lake Sunapee with his wife and friends, retrieving various types of old boat anchors, and he helped to find and recover a very old Indian dug-out canoe which was later sent to a local place of historical interest. He was a member of the Manorettes Dance Club of Newbury, NH, which performed at the Expo '67 World's Fair. He was also a member of the Lake Sunapee snowmobile club, the Pittsburg Ridge Runners snowmobile club, and a local motorcycle club. For a time Mr. Barnes also served as a Justice of the Peace. He enjoyed a variety of other activities throughout his life, as well, including hunting, boating, waterskiing, camping, music, and square dancing. Mr. Barnes was also an avid fisherman and

stocked his own trout pond behind his home in Pittsburg. He will be especially remembered for his love of get-togethers with family and friends. Mr. Barnes had a wonderful imagination and a talent for a variety of crafts in metals and wood, and he truly enjoyed rebuilding a 1931 Model A Ford and an antique Farmall Cub tractor. He spent many hours restoring and showing gas engines. After retiring in Pittsburg, Mr. Barnes kept himself busy mowing lawns and snowblowing yards for his friends and neighbors. He enjoyed a few vacations with family in Tennessee, and with friends to Arizona and Missouri. Mr. Barnes is survived by a daughter, Robin Shepard and husband, Gary, of Sevierville, Tennessee, and a son, Lance Barnes of North Pole, Alaska; two sisters, Barbara Fisher of Wendell, NH, and Cora Betty McCarthy of New London, NH; five grandchildren, William Barnes of Charlestown, NH, Jessica Barnes Cole of Stilwell, Kansas, Michelle Shepard Maynard of Croydon, NH, Travis Barnes of Delta Junction, Alaska, and Shane Barnes of Croydon, NH; two great-grandchildren, Cameron and Hunter Maynard of Croydon, NH, and many nieces, nephews and cousins. There are no calling hours. A graveside service will be conducted on Tuesday, May 16, 2006, at 2:00 p.m., at the Pittsburg Hollow Cemetery on Hill Road in Pittsburg, NH, with The Rev. Timothy McDowell officiating. Condolences may be offered to the family on-line by going to www.jenkinsnewman.com. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home in Colebrook, NH.