



James Philip Salonia, Sr.

November 20, 1916 - March 21, 2006

COLEBROOK, NH – Mr. James Philip Salonia, Sr., 89, of Piper Hill Road in Colebrook, passed away at his home on Tuesday, March 21, 2006, with his family at his side. Mr. Salonia was born November 20, 1916, in Middletown, Connecticut, the son of Rosario and Carmalina (Rizzo) Salonia. After growing up and attending school in Middletown, Mr. Salonia served from 1940-44 with the U.S. Army during World War II, seeing combat in the Asiatic-Pacific theater and attaining the rank of Staff Sergeant with Company B of the 176th Infantry, stationed at Fort Benning, Georgia, and also served in the 25th Division and with the 169th B Co. Meds. Following his honorable discharge from the military, Mr. Salonia worked in real estate and then as a property manager for Intervale Gardens in Parsippany, New Jersey. After his retirement, he moved back to Connecticut for a time, and then recently to Colebrook. Mr. Salonia was an avid hunter and fisherman, and loved playing cards with friends and family. He also enjoyed watching the news and football games on television. He will be remembered for his love of eating at McDonalds and spending time with his family. He especially loved his time with his grandchildren. Mr. Salonia was a member of the Elks' Club, #771, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 583, and the Disabled American Veterans, all of Middletown, Connecticut. Mr. Salonia is survived by his loving wife, Marianne Valerie (Borack) Salonia of Colebrook; eight children, Henry Solek and wife, Sharon, of Portland, Connecticut, William Martindale, and wife Wendy, of Hamden, Connecticut, Michael Martindale and wife, Debbie, of

Meriden, Connecticut, Debra Wildermuth, of Meriden, Connecticut, Marianne Rossitto and husband, T.J., of Colebrook, James Salonia and wife, Vicki, of Colebrook, Philip Salonia and companion, Leighann Bartlett, of Errol, and Lynnora Beaulier and husband, Darrell, of Colebrook; three sisters, Janet Rustic and husband, Pete, of Wethersfield, Connecticut, Lucy DeRaffelle and husband, Joe, of Portland, Connecticut, and Annie Dejenzano of Tampa, Florida; ten grandchildren, Jeff, Cindy, Karen, Brian, Suzie, Jessica, Robert, T.J. Jr., Ryan and Dylan; several great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. Mr. Salonia is preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Philip Salonia, Ross Salonia and Joseph Salonia; and four sisters, Joanne Salonia Annino, Connie Salonia Misenti, Mary Salonia and Rachel Salonia Cassarino. There are no calling hours. A prayer service will be conducted at Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home in Colebrook, NH, at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 28, 2006, with military honors to follow. The Reverend Craig Cheney will officiate. Expressions of sympathy in memory of Mr. Salonia may be made to the Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital, c/o Kimberly Daley, 141 Corliss Lane, Colebrook, NH 03576. 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.