



Ronald Fortino



On January 25, 2010, Ronald Fortino left the loving arms of his wife of 44 years and was welcomed into the arms of Jesus. He was 72. Remaining to mourn are his wife, Sally; two daughters, Diane Sullivan (Joe) and Elaine Samson (John); and five grandchildren. He was predeceased by his father, John; his mother, Lena; and two brothers, Tommy (Joan) and Bobby. Ron is survived by brothers John (Delores), Matt (Val), Donnie (Linda) and Darrell (Patty); sisters Joanie, Linda and Darlene (David); and sister-in-law, Bertha; as well as several nieces, nephews and cousins. Ron was a Teamster with Local 317 for 30 years, working with several trucking companies. He retired from St. Johnsbury in 1991. He was member of the Teamster Retirees Association. Ron was a licensed minister for over 25 years and although not affiliated with any one church, his deep scriptural wisdom was unequalled and respected within the Christian community. He loved music and played guitar, piano and organ by ear; other interests included gun collecting, where his knowledge bordered on expert. He loved to cook and feed everyone. His heart was big and open to all, loving, and wanting to be loved by his family and friends. His day was made by a simple phone call from either. He will be sorely missed.