



## Melvin L. Bray



Melvin L. Bray, 72, of Ridgedale Court, Calcium, passed away Saturday morning, April 7th at his home. Mel was born in Carthage July 12, 1939 and was raised by his parents, Wesley and Dorothy Ellis Backus. He worked as a core maker at the New York Air Brake for many years retiring in 1991. He married Patricia Leonard February 10, 2007. A previous marriage to Margaret Howland ended in divorce. He was an avid hunter, spending time at his camp "The Poker House Hunting Club." He was a lifetime member of the Watertown Eagles Club #782, an avid NASCAR fan (#24) and local racing fan, and a New York Yankee baseball fan. Mel is survived by his wife, Patricia. His children David (Cathy) Bray, VT; Daniel Bray and his companion Patti Mothersell, Adams Center; Darrin Bray and his companion Chris Wood, VT; Tammy Mahon and her companion Mike Matt, Calcium; Debbie (Gary) Rivett, Syracuse. 12 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild. A brother and sister-in-law, Larry and Nancy Bray, Watertown. Two sisters and a brother-in-law, Clarice and Glenn Bierman, Carthage; Penny Mallette, Champion. Many nieces and nephews. A brother Roger Bray and a sister Hazel Hewitt predeceased him.