

## **GEORGE F. CHARRON BURLINGTON**

George F. Charron, 60, of Burlington, died peacefully at his home Tuesday February 6, 2001 surrounded by his family. George was born November 15, 1940 in Burlington, the son of Francis (Frank) and Valeta Murray Charron. He married Christine Fitzsimons on February 16, 1963. George attended Nazareth School and graduated from Burlington High School, class of 1959. Upon graduation from high school, George served in the Vermont National Guard from 1959 until 1967. He worked at Grand Union in the early 1960's. When his children were young, he was the Purchasing Agent for the North End Little League. George worked at IBM from 1964 until 1993. After many devoted years at IBM, he more recently worked at Colchester Variety Store and Able Paint and Glass. George went back to IBM and loved being with the last crew he worked with until his illness forced him to stop working in June, 2000. George's love as a youth was the Burlington Boys Club where he learned to play guitar. George was a lifelong member of St. Joseph's Co-Cathedral where he was always active. As a youth, he was an altar boy and member of the youth choir. Later he was an usher, served on the liturgy committee, and was a leader of the Youth Group. He went on many Youth Leadership Development Retreats. George was also the music leader for numerous State Catholic Youth Congresses. He served as leader of several folk groups at St. Joseph's for 25 years. For a number of years he worked for the St. Joseph's Home and School Association, and served on the School Board for St. Joseph's School. George was involved in Cursillo, serving as Rector and participating in many Men's Vermont Cursillo teams.

Those who have made Cursillo will remember the many Ultreyas he played music for. He sang and played the guitar for many years, serving the Lord with his prayerful singing at liturgies, weddings, funerals and other gatherings and functions. He especially enjoyed and was proud of doing the music for the Tenebrae Service during Holy Week. One of his proudest accomplishment was being able to provide music for all five of his children's confirmations and weddings as well as his grandchildren's baptisms. George loved planting flowers, camping, golf, bowling and fishing. His greatest love however was singing and playing the guitar. His grandchildren will never forget Pepe singing "Baby Beluga", "Baa Baa Black Sheep", "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star" and of course, Barney's "I Love You" song. All of his friends will remember him singing "You Are My Sunshine" "Auctioneer" and other fun songs as well as his prayerful singing of religious songs such as "Brother Jesus" and "We Thank You Father" and many, many others. His friends and children will also remember his delicious meat pies at Christmas time. George leaves his wife and best friend of 37 years, Christine. He leaves his children, Mark and his wife Paula, and their children Meghan and Kyle of Concord, NC; Timothy of Burlington; Jean and her husband Steven Benoit, and their daughter Emma of Burlington; Denise and her husband Michael Haggerty and their daughters Micaela and Sarah of Burlington; and Jeffrey and his wife Kristen of Boston. He also leaves his mother, Valeta Charron and his brother Russell and his wife, Susan. He leaves many cousins, nieces, nephews and in-laws.

He also leaves many friends and the large Catholic community of St. Joseph's. George was predeceased by his father Frank, and a brother, Richard. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday, February 9, 2001 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Joseph's Co-Cathedral Chapel. Internment will follow in Resurrection Park Cemetery, South Burlington. For those who wish, donations in his name may be made to St. Joseph's Co-Cathedral, 85 Elmwood Ave, Burlington VT 05401, Howard Center for Human Services, 300 Flynn Ave, Burlington, VT 05401 or the Sisters of Mercy, 100 Mansfield Avenue, Burlington, VT 05401. Visiting hours will be held on Thursday February 8, 2001 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with a special prayer service to be held at 7:00 p.m. at Ready Funeral Home, South Chapel, 261 Shelburne Rd.