



MICHAEL G. LEHOULLER - BURLINGTON - Michael G. Lehouiller, 74, lost his courageous battle with ALS on Wednesday, July 24, 2013. Mike was born Sept. 11, 1938, in Ham-Nord, Quebec, Canada, the sixth of 14 children born to Antonio P. Lehouiller and Jeanne (Guertin) Lehouiller. His parents bought a dairy farm in Underhill when Mike was age 10. He and his siblings did not speak any English when they started school in the states, but quickly learned the language and caught up to their classmates. Mike spent two high school years in Duxbury, Mass., at MIRAMAR, which was then accepting boys of that age as seminarians. Deciding it was not his vocation, he returned home to Vermont and enrolled at Cathedral High School, graduating in 1958. Always industrious, he helped his dad on the farm prior to graduation, then briefly did carpentry and auto body work, until working for a few years at both Champlain Container and then Lane Press. In 1964, he went to work for

Metropolitan Life for 15 years, and then to IBM for another 15 until taking early retirement. After a year not working he got bored, and began doing small home repairs for friends, who referred him to their friends, and... "Mike the Handy-Man" was born! He enjoyed helping people and rarely said he didn't know how to do a project... he figured it out. Mike was an avid hockey fan, and thought that the Montreal Canadians were the "only" team! He and his brothers played outdoor hockey in Canada, and in the '60s, Mike and two of his brothers joined a men's hockey league and he played till age 50. He also enjoyed going to all the home and away games when a nephew played hockey for UVM. He was proud of his French Canadian heritage and his Catholic faith, and had been active in the Cursillo movement. He was a lector at church until becoming ill, and an active 4th degree member of the Knights of Columbus. Mike married Carleen Gravel on June 22, 1963, and they just celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. He is survived by his wife, Carleen Lehouiller; their daughter, Lori Lehouiller and her husband, Kit Nagelmann, of Ewa Beach, Hawaii, and children, Payton, Chantal, and Brendon; and son, Jay Lehouiller and his wife, Ellen, and their children, Kesley and Austin, of Burlington. He also leaves his brothers and their wives, John and Aline, Marcel and Joan, Maurice and Valerie, and George and Barbara; sisters, Armande Thibault, Laurette Atkins, Pierrette and husband, Howard Lyman, Francoise and Wayne Beauchemin, Lise and John Wursthorn, Diane and Don Blais, and Suzanne and Steven Owen; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents; brother, Gerald Lehouiller; and sister, Lynn Kittell. One of Mike's greatest joys besides his family, was his love of travel. After more than 40 years of camping throughout the entire US and Canada, he and Carleen began going on tours and cruises, seeing many other countries as well as even more areas of the US and Canada, taking in all he could of this world... sometimes visiting old friends and family and often making new friends along the way through his outgoing nature. With a daughter in Hawaii, he looked forward to a yearly winter visit there. His last trip this past February was more low-key since his energy level was less than usual, but he still enjoyed time with his Hawaiian family and friends, and simply sitting in the sun to work on his tan. Mike was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend, and would go out of his way to help anyone. He will be remembered for his easygoing nature, his wonderful smile, and his generous heart.... and overall love of life. Mike's family extends heartfelt thanks to Dr. Mark Pitcher and Dr. Michael Hehir, and to each member of the ALS clinic for their outstanding care and compassion, and also to Melanie and her wonderful hospice team at VNA. Visiting hours will be on Sunday, July 28, 2013, from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Boucher and Pritchard Funeral Home, 85 No. Winooski Avenue, Burlington, and a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Monday, July 29, 2013, at Christ the King Church, Locust St., Burlington. Interment will follow in Lakeview Cemetery. Arrangements are by Boucher and Pritchard Funeral Directors. Donations may be made to the Vermont ALS Clinic Fund, c/o Joanne Stetson, Dept. of Neurological Sciences, 89 Beaumont Ave., Burlington, VT 05403; and to Visiting Nurse Association, 1110 Prim Rd., Suite 1, Colchester, VT 05446.