

JEAN-PAUL MOREAU
SOUTH BURLINGTON



Jean-Paul Moreau, 80, died of complications following major surgery in Burlington Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2005. Jean-Paul was born in Colchester in Fanny Allen Hospital on Oct. 19, 1925, the second son of the late Romuald and Denise (Beauvais) Moreau. He was raised in Swanton among a large extended family. His studies at St. Ann's Academy were interrupted by his enlistment in the Navy in January, 1944. He was honorably discharged in June 1946, with the rank of Hospital Apprentice First Class. After returning to Swanton to finish high school he enrolled at St. Michael's College, finishing his Bachelor's degree in 1951. He was proud to be a Purple Knight. On Aug. 23, 1952, he married the love of his life, Mariette J. Balthazar. JeanPaul and Mariette shared 53 wonderful years and many interests together especially art, travel and genealogical research. Jean-Paul was employed by the International Harvester Credit Corporation for 30 years, retiring in 1981. He then worked in the photography department at Gaynes for

many years until they closed. His many interests over the years were often instigated by his children. He was active in the Boy Scouts district leadership and helped with Girl Scout outings. He was involved in the Burlington Gem and Mineral Club and the local photography club.

Jean-Paul was a co-founder of the Vermont French-Canadian Genealogical Society. As a librarian of the society he helped build the collection of materials available for research. He was a consummate genealogical researcher. His moments of greatest satisfaction were when he could make connections between long lost relatives or help new genealogists unravel their complicated family trees. He was a lifelong learner who usually was reading four or five books at a time. His favorite subjects were U.S. history and cultural studies. He was also a lector at St. John Vianney Roman Catholic Parish and he loved to sing hymns.

Besides his wife, Mariette, Jean-Paul is survived by his children, Peter Moreau and his wife, Tande and children, Kathryn and Ian of The Woodlands, Texas, Kathryn Sealy and her husband, Josh and children, Benjamin and Jennifer of Sutton, Cambridgeshire, U.K., and Kevin Moreau of Brattleboro; his sister-in-law, Louise Moreau of Inverness, Fla., sister, Rolande Kane and her husband, George of Franklin, Vt. and Inverness, Fla., brothers-in-law, Bernard Balthazar of Swanton and Real Balthazar of Mammoth Lakes, Calif., and sister-in-law Sr. Gilberte Balthazar of Putnam, Conn.; nephew, Jay Moreau of Ridgewood, N.J.; and nieces, Maureen Wheeler of Jericho, Peggy Brown of Jericho, Paula Kane of St. Albans, Janet Kane-Farrell of Winooski, Celeste Kane- Stebbins of Sheldon, and Brenda Hammond of Berkshire; and many cousins. JeanPaul is predeceased by his brother, J. Maurice Moreau; and nephews, Michael Kane, Mark Kane, Jimmy Kane and Robert Moreau. His life will be celebrated at a Mass of Christian Burial in St. John Vianney Church, 160 Hinesburg Road, South Burlington, Monday, Dec. 5, at 10:30 a.m. Interment will be in St. Mary's Cemetery, Swanton, following the Mass. Visiting hours will be 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4, at the Boucher & Pritchard Funeral Home, 85 North Winooski Ave., Burlington, Vt. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the St. John Vianney Campaign Fund, 160 Hinesburg Road, South Burlington, Vt. 05403; the Development Fund of the Daughters of the Holy Spirit, 72 Church St., Putnam, Conn. 06260; or The Vermont French- Canadian Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 65128, Burlington, Vt. 054065128. Arrangements are by Boucher and Pritchard Funeral Directors.