John R. Bertrand

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John Bertrand Obituary

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MOOERS FORKS — John R. Bertrand, 80, of the Blackman Corners Road, Mooers Forks, passed to eternal peace Thursday, Dec. 10, 2009, at his home.

He was born in Montreal, Quebec, Dec. 6, 1929, the son of George and Lydia (Brock) Bertrand.

John retired from truck driving following 40 years of service. He began his career in the late 1950s with Maslin Transport in Montreal. He later drove for Fortin, Chemical Leman and Fort Edward Express.

Following retirement in 1993 from Teamsters 232, John's love of bluegrass music became his passion. He traveled throughout the summer to the bluegrass festivals to play with his many friends and fellow musicians. He also enjoyed riding his motorcycle. Over the years, he also enjoyed horseback riding and boating.

Survivors include his wife of 56 years, Della (Kirouac) Bertrand, whom he married March 28, 1953, in Montreal; five children, Diane Napper and husband Ronald of Montreal, John Bertrand and wife Julie (Davison) of Orange City, Fla., Debra Babbie and husband David of Mooers Forks, Stephen Bertrand and wife Crystal (Peryea) of Peru and Sharron Dupee and husband Ronald of Mooers Forks; 14 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his parents; son, David Bertrand; and brother, George Bertrand.

At John's request there will be no public calling hours. A memorial Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 14, 2009, at St. Ann's Church in Mooers Forks with the Rev. Gerald Cerank, parish pastor, celebrating. Burial will be in the spring in St. Ann's Cemetery in Mooers Forks.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to the Paralyzed Veterans of America, 7 Mill Brook Road, Wilton, NH 03086, or the FitzPatrick Cancer Center in Plattsburgh.

Arrangements are in the care of the Hamilton Funeral Home, 793 Gilbert Road, Mooers. To light an online candle and offer condolences in the memory of John Bertrand, please visit www.hamiltonfuneralhome.com.