

Chester F. Sirles

Served as a medic in the U.S. Army

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BELMONT - Chester F. Sirles Sr., 76, of Belmont, died at Lakes Region General Hospital in Laconia on Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2008.

He was born in Laconia on Sept. 23, 1932, the son of Freeman and Mamie (Jenness) Sirles. He was raised in Meredith where he graduated from high school. He later lived in Rochester and Somersworth before moving to Belmont 10 years ago.

Mr. Sirles served as a medic in the U.S. Army in the 1950s and was stationed at Fort Hood, Texas. He formerly worked at Scott & Williams in Laconia and later at General Electric in Somersworth prior to retiring.

He was a member of the American Legion in Meredith and the Laconia Elks Lodge.

Chet was very mechanical and enjoyed tinkering and fixing things around the house as well as using his computer.

He was predeceased by four grandchildren, Joseph R. Sirles Jr., Jennifer Huard, Jeremy Huard and Misty Lynn Sirles.

Family members include his longtime companion, Gertrude "Trudy" Shute of Belmont; four children, Chester F. Sirles Jr. of Hill, Joseph R. Sirles of Winnisquam, Patricia L. Sirles of Tilton, and Cynthia J. Huard of Franklin; nine grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; stepgrandchildren and great-grandchildren; a brother, Robert Sirles of Tilton; a sister, Juanita Russell of Meredith; and nieces and nephews.

Visiting hours will be held tomorrow from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Thibault-Neun Funeral Home, 143 Franklin St., Franklin.

Funeral services and burial will be in Oakland Cemetery in Meredith in the spring.

Donations may be made to the Huard Children's Fund, c/o Citizens Bank, 921 Central St., Franklin 03235.