

Albert E. Batchelder

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CROWN POINT — Albert E. Batchelder, 82, of Main Street, Crown Point, died Saturday, July 31, 2004, at the Interlakes Nursing Home in Ticonderoga.

He was born in Hornell on April 2, 1922, the son of Leonard and Elsie (Ellis) Batchelder. After graduating high school, Albert entered the Army Air Force in 1942 where he served in the China-Burma-India theater of World War II.

In 1947 he married Rachel Murray and they resided in Elmira while he attended veterans school for aircraft and engine repair. He began work at Robinson Airlines which ultimately became U.S. Airways. He retired in 1982 in Boston, Mass.

He lived in Clinton from 1957 to 1974 where he was an active member of the Methodist Church. He was also a member and past president of the Lions Club and served as assistant scout master during that period.

He and his wife moved to Crown Point in 1983 where they have since resided. During his years in Crown Point, he was an energetic contributor to various projects in the Methodist Church. He served on the council board for a number of years until poor health forced a reduction in his activities.

In addition to his wife Rachel, he is survived by a son, Eric L. Batchelder of Phoenix, Ariz.; his daughter, Jeris, and her husband, Dale French, of Crown Point; three grandsons, Eric R. Batchelder, Matthew Batchelder and Andrew Batchelder; two great-grandsons, Calvin and Alec Arno and their father, Alan Arno.

He was predeceased by his two granddaughters, Rebecca French Arno and Shana French in 2001.

Calling hours will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. tonight at the Harland Funeral Home in Port Henry. A funeral service will be conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Crown Point Methodist Church. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery in Crown Point.

Memorial contributions may be made in Albert