

Alphonso L. Riccardelli

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Peru --- Alphonso L. Riccardelli, 76, of the Patent Road, Peru, died Thursday, April 8, 2004, at his home under the care of his family and Hospice of the North Country.

He was born in Seattle, Wash., on Feb. 12, 1928, the son of Patsy and Madge (Draper) Riccardelli.

Mr. Riccardelli served in the Merchant Marines and U.S. Army prior to his employment with the Connecticut Light and Power Co. in Stanford, Conn., where he worked for 39 years. He was a resident of Ridgefield, Conn., for 32 years. Following his retirement in 1991 he moved to Peru, where he enjoyed many hobbies. He had a small sheep farm and enjoyed working his border collie dog, Toby, with them. He had a small airstrip where he flew his plane. He built an airplane, restored old tractors and banjos as well as playing the banjo. He had a beautiful vegetable garden and enjoyed watching his grapes grow.

Survivors include his wife, Harriet F. (Darling) Riccardelli of Peru and formerly of Stanford, Conn.; two daughters and one son - in-law, Cindy Riccardelli and Sandra and Gregg Bechard, all of Cape Elizabeth, Maine; one son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Karen Riccardelli of North Canaan, Conn.; six granddaughters, Kate, Claire, Hannah, Elizabeth, Margaret and Mary; two grandsons, Chad and Trent; two sisters, Madge Luz of Santa Rosa, Calif., and Pat Brennin of Soap Lake, Wash.; four brothers-in-law, John, Richard and William Darling, all of Stanford, Conn., and Roger Joseph Darling of Peasleeville; several nieces and nephews; and his dog, Toby.

Calling hours will be held Saturday, April 17, 2004, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Hamilton Funeral Home in Peru. A funeral service will follow at 3:30 p.m. at the Hamilton Funeral Home with Rev. William Reamer, chaplain of the CVPH Medical Center in Plattsburgh, officiating. Full military honors will follow, accorded by the Vermont Air National Guard Honor Guard.

Donations in his memory may be made to Hospice of the North Country or the Don Imus Ranch for Children with Cancer, Santa Fe, NM 87501.