

# ANNOUNCEMENT

**Joel M Bass, 88, died Thursday August 15th in Naples FL. He leaves his sister Arlene Koch, daughter Barbara Bass Fisherman married to Richard Fisherman, son Gerald Bass married to Shari Bass, six grandchildren Phillip and Craig Fisherman, Eric and Andrew Bass, and Jocelyn and Louis Miyara, Victoria Miyara, his loving companion of 27 years, and many close friends. Born and raised in Claremont NH, the son of Barney and Ruth (Goldberg) Bass, he was the owner and operator of Barney Bass and Co., a scrap metal dealership in Claremont. Mr. Bass attended Stevens High School, the University of New Hampshire and New England College and graduated with a degree in business administration. He served in the US Army as a transportation clerk, with most of his service time spent at Fort Dix, NJ. He married Phyllis Diane Mellen in 1961. They were married for 27 years until she passed away in 1988 after a long bout with cancer. The Bass and Miyara families had a close relationship in Claremont for many years however Joel and Victoria were reunited in 1991 and were in a loving relationship ever since. They divided their time between New Hampshire and Naples FL. Mr. Bass relished spending summers on Lake Sunapee NH, gathering family and friends together as often as possible. He enjoyed golf and playing cards with many close friends. He gave back to the community through the local chapter of the Kiwanis Club. As a member for more than 40 years, he participated in many club community service projects. He was most proud of the club's efforts to operate Arrowhead Skiway in Claremont. Mr. Bass was an active member of Temple Meyer David and served as its president. A funeral service will be held at the Stringer Funeral Home in Claremont on August 19th at 11am. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Kiwanis Club of Claremont or Temple Meyer David.**