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## **Jerome F. Rooney**

*of Tuftonboro, NH, Master Craftsman; 83*

Tuftonboro, N.H. — Jerome Francis Rooney, age 83, of Tuftonboro, NH, and formerly of Littleton, MA, passed away on April 6, 2008. Jerry was happily married to his wife Marion R. (Wyman) Rooney for almost 59 years.

Born in Woburn, MA, on July 27, 1924, he was the son of the late William S. and Luella (Hall) Rooney. Jerry grew up in Wilmington, MA, where he attended public school. At the age of 18, he served in the



Army Air Corps during World War II.

Jerry was a talented artist and began his career lettering vehicles and furniture. He eventually owned his own business, The Country Craftsman, specializing in Early American furniture and spinning wheels. He became a skilled furniture craftsman and was best known for his beautiful hand-made Windsor chairs. In his later years, he turned his attention to restoring everything from antique furniture to century-old steam pumper fire engines. His home was always a hub for clients, friends, and family, who all alike enjoyed standing in the warmth of his woodstove while hearing about his newest projects.

Besides his wife, Jerry is survived by his son and daughter-in-law Steven and Linda Rooney of Littleton, MA, and their children Michael, Kristen and Mark; his son George Rooney of Pepperell, MA, and his children Jennifer, Laura, and George; and his son and daughter-in-law Robert and Renate Rooney of Harvard, MA, and their daughter Meghan. Jerry had two great grandchildren: Samantha, the daughter of his granddaughter Jennifer and her husband Jeff DiFonte; and Cole, the son of his granddaughter Laura and her husband Nicholas Murray.

**ROONEY — Jerome Francis Rooney, age 83, of Tuftonboro, NH, passed away on April 6, 2008. Visiting hours are on Thursday, April 10, from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Badger Funeral Home at 347 King Street, Littleton. His funeral will take place from the Badger Funeral Home on Friday, April 11, at 9 a.m. with a Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. at St. Anne's Church at 75 King Street, Littleton. Burial will follow at the Westlawn Cemetery on New Estate Road, Littleton.**