

LEWISTON — Leopold "Paul" E. Bonin, 77, a resident of Plains Road, Litchfield, died Sunday, May 30, 1999, at Central Maine Medical Center, Lewiston.

He was born April 28, 1922, in Lewiston, one of 16 children of Xavier and Hermelia Gagne Bonin. He was taught in the Lewiston school system.

He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the 1280th Engineer C Battalion in the European Theatre.

On Dec. 14, 1943, he married Muriel Berry.

Mr. Bonin worked in the construction field most of his working years, retiring from Maine State Museum in 1987.

He was a member of William R. Bold Post No. 181 American Legion and a 50-year member of Litchfield Grange. He was an honorary director of Litchfield Farmers Club and an active director for many years.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years of Litchfield; a son, Kendall, and wife, Sharon, of Litchfield; two daughters and their husbands, Murian and Clyde Harper of Vienna, Va., and Rayna and Phil Leibowitz of Litchfield; a sister, Lucille, and her husband, Robert Theriault of Auburn; six grandchildren living in Maine, Virginia, Texas and New Jersey; nine great-grandchildren; several cousins, nieces and nephews.