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Alice Elizabeth Rowe Obituary

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Alice Elizabeth Rowe, 99, a former resident of Peacham, died Sunday April 20, 2014, at the Franklin County Rehab. Center in St. Albans. Alice Elizabeth Clark was born in Warren on Aug. 6, 1914, the third child of Robert and Clara Bell Spalding Clark. She grew up in the Northeast Kingdom of Vermont.

Alice graduated from St. Johnsbury Academy in 1931 and Lyndon Normal School in 1933. She then taught in a one-room schoolhouse in Moretown until she married Edward Lincoln Rowe Jr. in 1938. They lived in Marshfield, Pittsford, and Randolph where they raised their son Bill. Alice taught primary grades in Randolph and Northfield before they moved to Burlington. There she taught in Essex Junction. And earned her BS from the University of Vermont in 1960. Next, she and Ed moved to Durham, N.H., where she taught until retiring.

In 1947, they purchased the Rowe family farm in Peacham, Vt., where Ed was raised. It was always a special place for them and the extended Rowe Family. Throughout their married life they spent vacations there and finally renovated and retired there in 1970. "The farm" became a registered tree farm and Alice provided a welcoming table for all the Rowe's near and far. Ed died in 1996 after 57 years of marriage. After nine years alone at the farm, she moved to Westview Meadows in Montpelier, where a caring staff helped her create a new home. A year and a half ago, she moved to the Franklin County Adult Care Center in St. Albans, where she received loving care until she passed away April 20, 2014.

Alice loved working with children in the classroom or in the community and was a wonderful mother and grandmother. She treasured visits from her great-grandchildren. She was active in church and community groups, especially the Peacham library. She was an exceptional cook, an avid bridge player, an artist, a reader and a warm, intelligent person. To the end, Alice maintained her dry sense of humor, took the time to say thank you and kept the twinkle in her eyes. She was a sweet and gracious lady who will live on in the hearts of her family, William and Judith Johnstone Rowe of South Hero and her grandchildren and families, Michael, Kathleen and Dashiell Rowe of California, David, Sarah and Emily Rowe of Georgia and Ethan, Courtney, Julia and Madeleine Rowe of Massachusetts, a cousin Ruth Shaw and many nieces and nephews. She outlived her siblings, Ralph Clark, Rachel Howes, Donald Clark and Francena Galbraith.

At Alice's request, there will be no visiting hours or funeral. A graveside service will be held in Peacham at the convenience of the family. Memorial contributions in Mrs. Rowe's memory may be made to either the Peacham Library, P.O. Box 253, Peacham, VT 05862 or to the Peacham Congregational Church, P.O. Box 205 Peacham, VT 05862.