

Claire Horton Moore passed away peacefully May 29, 2006. Born April 9, 1913, Claire was the first child of Charles H. and Bessie Ranlet Horton. Educated at St. Johnsbury Academy, Class of 1931, and The Boston School of Domestic Science, Claire came back to St. Johnsbury to work as the dietitian at Brightlook Hospital. She married Leslie F. Moore in 1938, and the couple built the granite-fronted cape at 14 Underclyffe where they resided, Leslie until his death in 1972, and Claire until she moved to Sunset Home in 2000. Claire will be remembered by many in the town as their encouraging and spirited kindergarten teacher. She taught kindergarten in the basement of her home for many years beginning in 1951. Near the end of her teaching career she worked in the public school system as a teacher's aide. Others will recall Claire as the warm personality who greeted them to the area in the guise of the Welcome Wagon Hostess. Music and cooking were her special talents. She stalwartly played the piano for the junior choir at The South Congregational Church, and gave piano lessons to many an area child. Who could forget her wonderful sense of style at Christmas teas and dinner parties? The Women's Club, Bridge Club, "Seed and Weed," the Library Committee, Claire brought her many talents to bear in a wide variety of social groups, always contributing with that indomitable spirit of community. Most recently she resided at the home of Caroline Noel, and kept up her friendships with people of all ages who sense in her a model for their own lives. She leaves her son, William Moore of Milton, Mass.; sister, Adelaide Horton Hedman of Honolulu, Hawaii; her sister-in-law, Betty Horton of North Hatley, PQ; her nephews, Charles Horton of Saco, Maine, and John Horton of Weld, Maine; her brother and sister-in-law, Donald and Alice Moore of St. Johnsbury; her nephew, Leslie Moore of

Flemington, N.J.; her nieces, Karen Moore of Kirby and Connie Beliveau of Charlotte, Vt. Memorial services will be held Saturday, June 17 at 2 p.m. at the South Congregational Church with pastor, the Rev. Bonnie Haase, officiating. All are welcome to attend. Memorial contributions could be directed to South Congregational Church.