

Margaret Pearl Ide, of Danville, passed away on July 21 at Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital after a brief illness. A long-time resident and active member of the Danville community, Margaret was 92. She was the wife of Richard Ide, who died in 1979, and the mother of Timothy Ide, of Danville, William Ide, Mary Ide Swainbank, of Danville, and Senator Robert Ide of Peacham. Born in St. Johnsbury to Raymond and Alida Howe Pearl, Margaret Morrison Pearl grew up in St. Johnsbury and graduated from the Academy in 1934. She graduated from Lasell Junior College in 1936, and attended the University of Michigan. Later in life, she took courses at the University of Vermont, Lyndon State College, and Johnson State College, receiving her degree from Johnson State in 1981 at the age of 64. Margaret Ide was director of the Danville school lunch program for many years. She also was employed by Noyle Johnson Insurance as a bookkeeper and licensed agent. She was one of the founding members of the Danville Senior Meals Program, and of The Open Door, an ecumenical organization in Danville which supplies food and clothing to people in need. She was a trustee of the Pope Memorial Library, and gave her time to 4-H, the Girl Scouts, and PTA. While residing in Florida in retirement, she volunteered in a hospice program, and was an active member of the retirement community of Eldorado Village in Largo, Florida. In recent years, she has lived in the Grand View Senior Apartments in Danville, and at Joes Pond in the summer. Active as a volunteer at the Open Door until recently, Margaret also enjoyed baking, reading, and knitting. She was a long-time active member of the Danville Congregational Church. Margaret Ide is survived by three children; their spouses, Jenness Ide, Dan Swainbank, and Martha Ide; her brother William Pearl of Danville and his wife Lucia;

seven grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband Richard, her son William Ide and his wife Diane Milliken Ide, a nephew, and a great-granddaughter. A burial service was held on July 22 for the family. A memorial service will be held at the Danville Congregational Church on Saturday, July 26, at 2 p.m. In lieu of flowers, gifts may be made in Margaret's name to: The Danville Congregational Church Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 161, Danville, VT 05828; or the Danville Senior Action Center, PO Box 173, Danville VT 05828.