

**Sheila R. Ward**, of Clarks Avenue in St. Johnsbury and summer resident of Miles Pond, passed away unexpectedly at the NVRH emergency room early Friday morning, June 3, 2005 at the age of 88. She was born in Swanton on June 22, 1916, the daughter of Patrick and Agnes (O'Connor) Ward, as Irish as the day is long. She came to St. Johnsbury to attend St. Johnsbury Academy and graduated in 1935; she maintained an ardent love for the Academy all her life. A tireless worker for Academy alumni projects, the Academy Alumni Association co-awarded their 1992 Northeast Kingdom Service Award to Sheila. She was eagerly anticipating her 70th reunion and had attended a meeting earlier this week in preparation of this weekend's festivities. She will be missed terribly by those at the Academy who worked with her. Sheila retired from Central Vermont Public Service as district account manager for St. Albans, St. Johnsbury and Bradford. She served the company for 40 years and was well known throughout the company and Rutland headquarters. She was an active member of CVPS credit union and attended their annual meetings. Sheila was a strong parishioner of St. John the Evangelist Church and was active in church affairs. She was a longtime volunteer at the Cherry Wheel Gift Shop at NVRH. She loved her summers staying in her beloved little camp ("Leprechaun Hideout!") on Miles Pond and became dear friends with Mary and Mel Richardson next door. A resident of Clarks Avenue for the past 44 years, she lived with her mother, Agnes, until her passing in April of 1983. Since then, she had made numerous trips to Ireland. She is survived by her adopted family: George and Julie Campbell of Chapin, S.C. (505 Watroak Trail 29036), their children Erica, Heather, and Josh and their families. A memorial Mass will be celebrated Wednesday, June 8, at 11

a.m. at St. John the Evangelist Church. Following committal services at Mt. Calvary Cemetery, the Academy will host a reception following at Brantview. There will be no visiting hours. Please omit flowers. Rather, memorial contributions may be directed to St. Johnsbury Academy Alumni Office, P.O. Box 906, St. Johnsbury VT 05819.