

MCFARLAND: Althea Mary, 86, of Lyndonville, passed away Tuesday, July 1, 2003, at the Pines Rehabilitation and Health Center, Lyndonville. She was born April 16, 1917, in West Burke, the daughter of the late James S. and Dora (Hastings) McFarland. She graduated from St. Johnsbury Academy, Class of 1936. She attended a child care training school in Massachusetts. She then returned to Vermont to care for her ill mother until her death. She spent her working years in the child care field. After retiring, she returned to Vermont and soon resided at the Darling Inn. When she became ill, she moved to the Woodside House in Danville and then in 1995 she became a resident at the Pines Rehabilitation and Health Center in Lyndonville. She was a collector of dolls and enjoyed knitting, sewing and crocheting. She was a member of the Lyndonville United Methodist Church. She is survived by her brother, Leon and wife Anna McFarland of Danville; her cousins, Bertha Ellen Robinson of St. Johnsbury and Sue Hooper of California; and several nieces and nephews. Her brother, James McFarland, predeceased her. There will be no calling hours. Funeral services will be held at the Lyndonville United Methodist Church, Thursday, July 3 at 1 p.m., with the Rev. Ted Ruggles officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery in St. Johnsbury. Those who wish may send contributions in her memory to either the Lyndonville United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 543, Lyndonville, VT 05851; or to the Pines Patient Activities Fund, 601 Red Village Road, Lyndonville, VT 05851.