

Loretta (Veilleux) Conly passed away Monday morning, Jan. 17, 2005, at the St. Johnsbury Health & Rehab Center. She was a longtime resident of 41 Lincoln St. in St. Johnsbury. She is survived by her husband, Doug (41 Lincoln St. 05819); two sons, George and his wife Ruth (Porter) Conly of Cape Elizabeth Maine (31 Manter St. 04107), and Douglas and his wife Patricia (Houghton) Conly of Lyndonville (3 Skyview Dr. 05851); four grandchildren, Christopher Conly of Boston Mass., Kara Conly of South Portland Maine, Melissa Conly of Burlington, and Patrick Conly of Lyndonville; one surviving sister, Jeannette Veilleux Sumner of Burlington; and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by three brothers, Frederick Veilleux, Arsene "Mickey" Veilleux, and Albert Veilleux; and five sisters, Irene Pollock-Hudson, Fabiola Roy, Angelina Martin, Yvonne Gagne, and by an infant sister Doris. Loretta's father, George Edgar Veilleux, came from Ste. Marguerite, Quebec. He later met and married Cordelia Corriveau in St. Johnsbury and began to raise their family on Pearl Street here in St. Johnsbury. Loretta was always proud of her French Canadian background and could be heard conversing in French to many friends and family. She attended graded school at Mt. St. Joseph Catholic School for girls and graduated from St. Johnsbury Academy with the Class of 1936. On Oct. 24, 1942, she married Douglas Conly of St. Johnsbury at Notre Dame des Victories Church. The Rev. Armand Fortin married them. They relocated to Brunswick, Maine, on account of Doug's job at the Navy shipyard. In December of that year, Doug volunteered to join our armed forces and Loretta returned to St. Johnsbury to live with her parents. Following Doug's discharge from the army, the couple purchased their first home in East St. Johnsbury. In 1953 they moved to Railroad

Street and purchased their current home on Lincoln Street in 1954. Loretta's first job out of school was with McLellans department store in St. Johnsbury. Upon her return to St. Johnsbury, she was employed by St. Johnsbury Trucking as a payroll clerk. Later in life she was employed at Traynor's Tax Service, the Henault Press, and the medical practice of Dr. James Russell. Her faith in God was always an important aspect of her life. She was a member of Notre Dame parish for many years and was deeply saddened when it was destroyed by fire. She later was a member of St. John the Evangelist Church parish and a member of The Altar Society. Loretta was an avid sewer, knitter, and for a period of time enjoyed ceramic classes. She also spent considerable time during the summer months tending to her flower gardens. During her relaxation time, she could be found in her favorite chair knitting or watching television with her beloved cat on her lap. She was also a very active volunteer after retirement, assisting the Lifeline, Red Cross blood drives, and numerous church activities. Living with a husband and two sons, she enjoyed watching sports on television and attended her son's baseball, basketball and football games. She was a fan of the Boston Red Sox. A funeral Mass will be celebrated Thursday, Jan. 20, at 11 a.m., at St. John the Evangelist Church. Burial will be in May at Mt. Calvary Cemetery. Visiting hours will be held Wednesday from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be directed to either St. Johns Altar Society, in care of St. Johns Church, 49 Winter St., St. Johnsbury VT 05819; or VT/NH Alzheimer's Association, 10 Ferry St., Suite 427B, Concord VT 03301.