

Amelia E. Rexford, 87

Amelia E. Rexford, 87, passed away at Woodridge Nursing Home in Berlin on Tuesday evening, April 11, 2006, following a long period of declining health due to Parkinson's disease. Born in Ryegate on Feb. 26, 1919, she was the daughter of the late Pearl and Millie (Whitehill) Heath. On Feb. 27, 1939, she married Raymond H. Rexford in East St. Johnsbury. Mr. Rexford passed away on Nov. 19, 2001. Amelia was a 1937 graduate of St. Johnsbury Academy. Prior to moving to Waterbury in 1951, Raymond and Amelia raised their family on farms in Conway and Bethlehem, N.H. Amelia worked for several years at the former Aylward Nursing Home prior to her 20-year career as a psychiatric technician at the Vermont State Hospital, from which she retired in 1981. Amelia was a long-time member of the Emerald Rebekah Lodge 33 of Waterbury, and the Waterbury Congregational Church. In her younger years, she enjoyed sewing, knitting, painting, shopping trips with her family and baby-sitting her grandchildren. Amelia is survived by her children, Howard Rexford and his wife Georgia (Libby) of Waterbury, Frank Rexford and his wife Ronda (York) of Lakeland, Fla., Ruby (Bolio) Rexford of Waterbury, Sheryl Parsons and her husband Fred of Washington, and Carolyn Farnsworth and her husband Brian of Bastrop, La.; 17 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren; her sisters, Annabelle Parker of St. Johnsbury, and Sylvia (June) Kendall and her husband Tom of Meadow Vista, Calif.; as well as nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by an infant son; a grandson and granddaughter; a great-grandson; and a sister, Helene McKenzie of Wilder. Amelia's family would like to thank the staff at Woodridge Nursing Home for the more than three years of excellent care they provided her. A celebration of Amelia's life will be held at the Waterbury Congregational Church on Tuesday, April 18, at 11 a.m., with a reception to follow in the church dining room. Private committal services will take place in the Waterbury Center Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts would be appreciated to the Waterbury Ambulance Service, P.O. Box 95, Waterbury Center, VT 05677. Arrangements are in the care of the Perkins-Parker Funeral Home and Cremation Service in

Waterbury.