

Arlene Rebecca Desrochers, 91 formerly of Passumpsic, left this earth on Saturday, Sept. 3 to be with her loving husband Lucien in heaven. She was surrounded by her family and passed peacefully into the house of God.

She was the daughter of Harvey and Florence Somers of Barnet, Vt. She was an active member of the Mason Sparrow club, Senior Meal Center, and the Passumpsic Community Baptist Church. In her later years she was a member of the Chickadee Quilters in Bridgton, Maine.

Arlene lived in the Barnet area until the death of her husband Lucien in 1999. She spent the remainder of her years living summers with her daughter Mary in Bridgton, Maine and winters with her daughter Rose in Severn, Md., bravely taking an airplane ride each direction. She was an active, sharp 91 year old. In April of this year a fall sent her to a rehab facility with a broken hip from which she made an amazing recovery. In the end a stomach ailment ended her lust for life.

Her greatest joy was her family, especially her great grand and great-great grand children. She would look forward to their every visit, sitting with them for hours. She filled everyone's lives around her with her wonderful talent of crocheting, knitting and quilting. Every birthday meant a gift of her handiwork, and under the Christmas tree there were the multi-colored mittens every Christmas.

She is survived by her two daughters: Mary White and her husband David of Bridgton, Maine, and Rose Mahoney and her husband Richard 'Pat' of Severn, Md., 5 grandchildren: Robin Harmon and her husband Paul, Nathan White and his wife Tamera, Kelly Somers, Patrick Mahoney and his wife Kelly, Brendan Mahoney and his wife Cara; her great-grandchildren: Johnathan McIlhinney and wife Lysie, Daniel McIlhinney, Andrew Mahoney, Caitlin Mahoney and Ryan Mahoney; great- great-grand children Emmelia and Hunter McIlhinney and a very special friend Ruth Drown of Danville, Vt.

Funeral services will be held in St. Johnsbury this Friday, Sept. 9 at 2 p.m.



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at the Sayles Funeral Home. Prior to the service the family will receive friends from 1 p.m. to the start of the service.

Memorial contributions for the stained glass window could be directed to the Passumpsic Community Baptist Church.