

Murrium Aiken, 89, of Sheffield, died peacefully and unexpectedly Friday morning, April 10, 2009, at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, N.H. She was born June 5, 1919, in Waterford, the only child of James and Avis (Cota) Williamson. She graduated from St. Johnsbury Academy with the class of 1937. Mrs. Aiken was bookkeeper and co-owner of Paul's Wayside Furniture in Lyndonville. She founded The Fabric Shop beside the furniture store and operated it for several years. The Aikens lived in the former Chase house beside the store and owned Lyn-A stables where they raised Morgan horses. Mrs. Aiken was a former Sunday school teacher and had attended both the Grace United Methodist and Lyndonville United Methodist churches. She loved her pet boxers, cat Charro, reading, traveling, skating, swimming, and riding horseback. One of her fondest memories was the family cruises on Lake Memphremagog. She was a devoted mother and grandmother and enriched the lives of those who knew her. Her beautiful and contagious smile will long be remembered. She is survived by her daughter Lauri Aiken and her spouse Myscha of Lyndonville, daughter-in-law Kimmerly Aiken of Michigan; granddaughter Jessica Brill whom she raised; six other grandchildren: Bryr, Jason, Lyndsay, Penney, Brandon, and Kimberley; eight great-grandchildren; and several good friends. In her later years, Mrs. Aiken made her home in Sheffield with Jessica, husband Matt, and their children Gavin, Alana, and Jada. She became part of their family. She was predeceased by her parents, her former husband Paul Aiken Sr. to whom she was married 32 years, and, just this past February, by son Paul Aiken Jr. A memorial service will be held Friday, April 17, at 2 p.m. at the Guibord Funeral Home. The Rev. Tim Pittman will officiate. Prior to the service,

family and friends will gather beginning at 1 p.m. Spring burial will be in Pine Grove Cemetery in Newport. Memorial contributions may be directed to The Area Agency on Aging, 481 Summer St., Suite #101, St. Johnsbury, VT 05819.