

BAXTER: Elizabeth "Lib" Lord Chase, 83, died Tuesday, April 1, 2003, at her winter estate in Parrish, Fla. She was born Sept. 27, 1919, in St. Johnsbury, the daughter of Theodore W. and Julia S. Chase of St. Johnsbury. Lib graduated from St. Johnsbury Academy, Class of 1938. She was a graduate of Wheelock College in Boston, Mass., Class of 1942. On June 8, 1942, she married John T. Baxter of Waban, Mass. She was a teacher for several years and a store manager while traveling during her husband's service in the U.S. Army. For 83 years, Lib was a summer resident of Joe's Pond, and enjoyed gardening, swimming and reading. She was a lifelong member of North Congregational Church in St. Johnsbury, and also a member of the Eastern Star. Lib is survived by her husband of 61 years, Col. John T. Baxter, U.S. Army (Ret.); one son, John T. Baxter II of Bradenton, Fla.; two daughters, Cynthia A. Decker of Owensboro, Ky., and Marcia Baxter Young of Parrish, Fla.; four grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. Graveside services will be held this summer, with details to be announced. Burial will be in the family lot in the Passumpsic Cemetery. Contributions in Lib's memory may be made to North Congregational Church, 1325 Main St., St. Johnsbury, VT 05819; or to Hospice of Southwest Florida, 5955 Rand Boulevard, Sarasota, FL 34238.