FRANCES (STROBRIDGE) WALKER

FRANCES (STROBRIDGE) WALKER - RICHMOND/CABOT - Frances (Strobridge) Walker of Richmond and Cabot, died at home on March 3, 2014. Frances was born on Sept. 5, 1919, in St. Johnsbury, the youngest child of Frank Edwin and Ruth Annette (Hoyt) Strobridge. She grew up in West Barnet, attended Peacham Academy, graduated from St. Johnsbury Academy and attended Grove City College in Pennsylvania. She married William Chester Walker III on Aug. 19, 1941, and they were together 55 years until his death in 1996. They farmed in various ways throughout their lives, beginning as dairy farmers, moving to raising rabbits and retiring to blueberries and daffodils, which Fran continued after his death with the support of her daughter, Annie, and son-in-law, Les. She was proud of and enjoyed her work as a legal secretary, especially the years spent in the small legal practice of John Downs and Robert Rachlin in St. Johnsbury. She retired from the position of Administrative Assistant in the office of the Colchester Town Manager. She was a life long student of spirituality and for many years was active in Edgar Cayce studies and the A.R.E. She was a dedicated, active church member, most recently in the Richmond Congregational Church. She was very proud and happy when some of the farmland in Cabot was purchased for the establishment of Covenant Hills Christian Camp. She was active in community and political causes and never hesitated to offer her opinions and insights. She greatly enjoyed listening to WDEV radio station. She always saw it as an interactive medium. She enjoyed the "Bird Boys", the Mark Johnson show where she often called to express her opinion on the topic of the day, and especially Brian Harwood. On the day she left us, she sent him a letter expressing her dismay at the halting of the Central Park Horse Drawn Carriage Rides. Her infant son, Dennis Warren Walker; and her beloved sister, Dorothy Strobridge Stewart, also predeceased her. She is survived by her son, Edwin Chester (Anne) Walker of Sun City, Fla., and their children, Todd (Carin) Walker, Kaitlyn Walker, Brett (Lisa) Walker and Amy Chadbourne; her daughters, Connie Norona of Williston and her children, Nicole Norona and Charles Norona, and Annette (Les) Parker of South Burlington. Her treasured great-grandchildren, Noah, Isaac and Isabelle Walker, and Kelsey and Evan Chadbourne also survive her. She leaves a brother-in-law, Roger Walker; a sister-in-law, Susan Walker Haskell; and many nieces and nephews that held a special place in her life. She gathered many friends who enriched her life and

treasured the caregivers who helped her stay at home this past year. The Sunday service at Richmond Congregational Church on March 16, 2014, at 10 a.m., will be dedicated to her memory. Following the service there will be a gathering at the church with a light lunch for friends and family to spend time together. A burial service is planned for Memorial Day weekend at the Cabot Plains Cemetery in Cabot. In place of flowers, donations can be made to the Covenant Hills Christian Camp, c/o Ashley and Jeffery Dodson, 246 Covenant Hills Rd., Cabot, VT 05647