

Leona O. Berube, 89, formerly of Main Street in St. Johnsbury passed away in Little Rock, Ark. where she had been residing since 2004. She was born in St. Johnsbury on Aug. 9, 1920 and was the daughter of Albert A. and Lillian (Emmons) LaChance. Her husband Eddie predeceased her in 1983; they were married Nov. 23, 1942. Leona graduated from Mt. Joseph's Academy in 1938, the first class graduated from the school. She worked 17 years at St. Johnsbury Trucking and later worked part-time at Gauthier's Pharmacy. She was active in the NVRH Chaplaincy Program, R.S.V.P. (Retired Sr. Volunteer Program). A parishioner of St. John the Evangelist Church, Leona administered the Lady of Ste. Anne fund for years. She is survived by two sons, Richard Berube and wife Debbie of Virginia Beach Va., and Michael Berube and wife Maryann of Little Rock, Ark.; three grandchildren, Michael of Atlanta, Ga., Brian of Virginia Beach, Va. and Marilee Fairman of Little Rock; two great-grandchildren; a brother, Charles LaChance of Rutland; and many nieces and nephews. Leona was predeceased by her brothers, Donald and Paul LaChance; and her sister Bernadette DeForge. Funeral services will be held at the Sayles Funeral Home this Friday, Oct. 9, 2009, at 11 a.m. Friends and family will gather at the funeral home from 10 a.m. to the start of the service. Burial will follow the service at Mt. Calvary Cemetery. Memorial contributions could be directed to The Good Shepherd Foundation, PO Box 146, St. Johnsbury VT 05819.