

**Marian Ward**, 86, longtime resident of North Danville, died peacefully June 3, 2006, at Greensboro Nursing Home. Marian was one of twin daughters born to Helen and Benjamin Ward in St. Johnsbury on Feb. 9, 1920. They lived in the more rural section of North Danville while she was a youngster until the family moved into the village to be near schools. She attended North Danville schools through the 10th grade, then transferred to St. Johnsbury Academy and graduated in 1938. Marian was employed as a sales clerk at F.W. Woolworth's, a proofreader at The Caledonian-Record newspaper, and a telephone operator at New England Telephone. The onset of multiple sclerosis led to a disability retirement in 1979. After selling the family home in North Danville in 1994, she resided in the senior apartment complex in Danville and from there entered into long-term care facilities due to health problems associated with MS. Her final years were spent at the Greensboro Nursing Home, where she was a lively and popular resident. Marian's family wishes to express a special thanks to the staff at Greensboro Nursing Home for their care and kindness. Pets were important companions all her life, along with close family, her vacation cottage at Joe's Pond, and numerous crafts of many kinds - needlework, quilting and an absorbing fascination with creations using gifts of nature. Many gifts went to family. Marian was predeceased by her parents, a younger brother, Horace, a private of the 47th Infantry Regiment, 15th Army, who was a casualty of WWII, and a nephew, Roger Pollard. She is survived by her twin sister, Margaret Pollard, of North Danville; three nephews, Tom, Martin and his wife Laurie of Danville and their children Benjamin, Christine, Jennifer, and Amanda, and Curtis and his wife Mary of Essex Junction and their daughter Meghan, as well as cousins in Maryland, Maine and

Pennsylvania. A graveside service will be held at 5 p.m. on Friday, June 9 at the Danville Green Cemetery, Brainerd Street, Danville, Vt. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the Multiple Sclerosis Society, 75 Talcott Road, Suite 40, Williston, VT 05495.