

Nora Akley

Nora Hill Akley, 87, of Lyman Road, Barre Town, Vt., died Friday, Aug. 17, 2007, at the home of caregivers Raymond and Evelyn Richer, Sandy Beach Road at Joe's Pond, Cabot, Vt. Born June 29, 1920, in Lyndon Center, Vt., she was the daughter of William and Eunice (Magoon) Hill. She was a proud graduate of the Lyndon Institute in 1938. In 1942, she graduated cum laude from the University of Vermont with a bachelor's degree in music and received her Master of Arts degree in education from the university in 1973. On May 21, 1944, she married Gordon E. "Jack" Akley in Lyndonville, Vt. Following their marriage, they resided in Tampa, Fla., and in 1945 following his military service, they came to Barre where they had since resided. He died Jan. 24, 1992. Nora was a private piano teacher at her home on Cliff Street in Barre from 1950 to 1964. In 1964, she became a music teacher in the Barre Town School system and became head of the music department, retiring in 1982 having brought the joy of music to over 17,000 students in her classes. Reading, playing bridge and the family cottage at Caspian Lake were her special interests as well as offering philanthropic educational opportunities to women as a member of PEO. Her memberships included the Barre Congregational Church where she had been organist for 25 years; the CO-Ads, the Bible study group and the Women's Fellowship of the church; and the Venice, Fla., UVM alumni group. She also was piano accompanist for the Barre Rotary Club Rotarians. Survivors include her two daughters, Nancy Akley-Henderson and her husband, William of Raleigh, N.C., and Patricia Akley-Warlick and her husband, Louis of Randolph Center, Vt.; and her son, Norman Akley and his wife, Lauren La Morte of Barre Town, with whom Nora made her home. Survivors also include seven grandchildren, Sean and Scot Drown, Benjamin and Gina Akley and Ashley, Payson and Sydney Warlick; and four great-grandchildren, TY, Bryce, Thomas and Kristen Drown and nieces, nephews, and cousins. Besides her husband, she was predeceased by three brothers, Maurice, Arthur Sr. and Howard Hill. A service of remembrance will be held Tuesday Aug. 21, 2007, at 11 a.m., at Barre Congregational Church. Later internment will be made in the Village Cemetery in Greensboro

at the convenience of her family. There are no calling hours. Memorial contributions may be made to Book of Remembrance - Barre Congregational Church, 35 Church St., Barre, VT 05641 or the Music Department - Barre Town Elementary School, 70 Websterville Road, Barre, VT 05641. The Hooker and Whitcomb Funeral Home, 7 Academy St., Barre, is in charge of arrangements.