

Irene Johnson, 89, of Charlestown, N.H., passed away Thursday, Dec. 15, 2011, at Valley Regional Hospital, Claremont, N.H., after a brief illness.

She was born July 3, 1922, in Barnet, Vt., the daughter of the late Edwin Amell and Pauline (Moquin) Amell. She graduated from the St. Johnsbury Academy with the class of 1939. She married Glenn Johnson, and together they had four children; Glenn predeceased her in 1991.

She had a special passion for gardening and for her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

She is survived by her children and their spouses: Sandra Ward and her husband Ted of Hull, Mass., Alan Johnson and his wife Kathy of Liberty, Mo., Lorraine Chapman and her husband Bill of Charlestown, N.H., Robin Little and her husband Fred of St. Johnsbury, Vt.; eight grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, several nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life will be held Saturday, Jan. 14, 2012, from 1-3 at the Twin Parlor Conference Room 2nd Floor, Moody Building, Tremont Square, Claremont, N.H. Burial will be in St. Johnsbury Center in the spring.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, NH Chapter, 5 Bedford Farms Drive, Suite 201, Bedford, NH 03110.

Condolences may be shared privately with the family at [www.saylesfh.com](http://www.saylesfh.com).