

Lucia (Johnson) Pearl of Danville, Vt., died Sunday, Dec. 12, 2010, after a short stay at St. Johnsbury Health and Rehab Center, of complications from a Nov. 21 fall. Lucia was born May 20, 1921, in St. Johnsbury, the third of four children to Frederick G. and Lucia (Day) Johnson. She attended Summer Street School and graduated from St. Johnsbury Academy, Class of 1939. Continuing her education, she graduated from the medical secretarial course at Becker Business College in Worcester, Mass., in 1941, after which she was employed in medical records at Springfield Hospital in Springfield, Mass. On Jan. 8, 1944, she married Cpl. William H. Pearl in a ceremony at South Congregational Church. They were married for 66 years. Her employment included working for Arthur G. Sprague and Fabian S. Reed in the insurance business; several years for attorney John A. Swainbank; and in the St. Johnsbury town clerk's office; as well as keeping the books for the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery and Crematory. While in high school, she received the Golden Eaglet in Girl Scouts and also the DAR Good Citizen Award. She was a member of South Congregational Church until her marriage in 1944, when she became a member of the North Congregational Church of which she was still a member at the time of her death. On Jan. 24, 1994, she became a Fairbanks Museum Fellow, was a former member of the St. Johnsbury Women's Club, a former volunteer at the Fairbanks Museum, and a member of a weekly Wednesday quilting group, which she thoroughly enjoyed. Survivors include daughters Margaret "Peggy" Pearl of East Ryegate and Elizabeth Pearl Sargent and husband Robert of Danville; daughter-in-law Sheri Sargent Pearl of Danville; sister Alice Johnson Blair of Danville; grandchildren Thomas and Nicholas Daniels, Carrie Sargent, Isaac and Henry Pearl; great-grandchildren Axel Pearl and Molly Daniels; nieces and nephews. Lucia was predeceased by her husband, William, on April 28, 2010; two sons, Thomas, on May 4, 1982, and John, on Feb. 12, 2009; and two brothers Gilbert Johnson in 1990 and Paul Johnson in 2005. A memorial service will be held at North Congregational Church, 1325 Main St., St. Johnsbury, this Thursday, Dec. 16 at 2 p.m. The family respectfully

*requests, in lieu of flowers, memorial donations to The St. Johnsbury
History & Heritage Center, 1302 Main St., St. Johnsbury, VT 05819.*