

Patricia (Rattigan) Packer, 88, of St. Johnsbury, passed away Saturday, May 8, 2010. She was born May 21, 1921, in St. Johnsbury, the daughter of Charles L. and Mae (Lacasse) Rattigan. She graduated from St. Johnsbury Academy in 1939. Pat had a 40-year career with Farmers Home Administration and was originally appointed by Pres. Franklin D. Roosevelt; she retired in May 1981. Her last position was administrative officer with the Montpelier office. Over the years Pat received a superior performance award and was cited for five performance suggestion awards. She served on two national task forces in Washington, D.C. On Sept. 15, 1979, she married Robert Packer. They were longtime St. Johnsbury residents of Mt. Pleasant Street; Bob predeceased her Aug. 29, 2007. Pat had a deep love for The South Congregational Church; she joined the church in 1934 and was a pianist and past deacon. She is survived by a daughter Michele "Mickey" Howarth and husband Dave of Tunkhannock, Pa.; two grandchildren and five great-grandchildren: Christine Lemanowicz husband Mike and their two sons Michael and Ryan; Cheryl Pierson and her children Briana, Renee, and Calvin; step-son Michael Packer of St. Johnsbury and his six children Jacob, Alina, Michael, Luke, Levi, and Jacqueline; in-laws Richard Packer and wife Carol of Nassau, N.Y., Virginia Doble of Gorham, N.H., Phyllis McNeil of Portsmouth, N.H. Funeral services will be held at the South Congregational Church tomorrow, Tuesday, May 11 at 3:30 p.m. with the pastor, the Rev. William Schutter, Ph.D., officiating. Burial will follow at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery. Memorial contributions could be directed to South Congregational Church, 1052 Main St., St. Johnsbury VT 05819.