

**HOLMES: Ruth Agnes**, 81, long-time resident of St. Johnsbury, died Sunday, March 14, 2004 at the Mayo Healthcare in Northfield. She was born March 16, 1922 in St. Johnsbury, the daughter of Floyd and Agnes (Ling) Holmes. She graduated from St. Johnsbury Academy, Class of 1940, and later graduated from Lyndon Normal School and Lyndon College. She taught school in Littleton, N.H.; Readsboro, Vt.; St. Johnsbury and Barre. Ms. Holmes was a teaching principal at the Brook School in Barre. She is survived by her sister, Esther H. Renfrew of Northfield; two nephews, Roger Renfrew and his wife Marilyn, and Bruce Renfrew and his wife Sharon; two nieces, Elizabeth Clarkson and her husband Wayne, and Virginia Renfrew; three grandnephews, Christopher Clarkson and his wife Angel, Ira Renfrew, and Gregory Renfrew; three grandnieces, Rebecca Clarkson, Megan Renfrew, and Julia Renfrew; and two great-grandnephews. She was a member of St. John the Evangelist Church in St. Johnsbury, the Daughters of Isabella and Washington County Retired Teacher's Association. She loved her church, camping on Miles Pond, travel, her Irish heritage and spending time with her family. There are no calling hours. A memorial Mass will be celebrated Saturday, March 27, at 9:30 a.m., at St. John the Evangelist Church in St. Johnsbury. A committal service will be conducted in Mt. Hope Cemetery in Northfield this spring. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to Mayo Activity Fund, 71 Richardson Ave., Northfield, VT 05663; or St. John the Evangelist, 49 Winter St., St. Johnsbury, VT 05819.