

Shirley R. Ailes of St. Johnsbury, Vt., passed away peacefully at her Cliff Street home Thursday, Dec. 6, 2007. She was born in Newport, Vt., Dec. 19, 1921, the daughter of Frederick and Mary (Brind) Reid. Her husband, Merton, a longtime Sears employee, passed away in 1991. She is survived by her two daughters: Marjorie Achilles and her husband, Sidney of St. Johnsbury; and Barbara Ailes of Essex Jct., Vt.; four grandchildren: Cynthia Shirley (Emmons) Bevins and Allen Begnoche of Jericho, Vt.; Robert S. Achilles and his wife, Cheryl of Windsor, Vt.; Christopher S. Achilles of Burlington, Vt.; Katherine M. Achilles and Kevin Steirhoff of Honolulu, Hawaii; four great-grandchildren: Alicia F. Doria, Jayson P. Bevins, Hannah M. Achilles, and Natalie R. Achilles. She was predeceased by her siblings. The family will gather in the spring at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery. There will be no visiting hours. Memorial contributions, marked for 'Hospice,' could be directed to Caledonia Home Health, P.O. Box 383, St. Johnsbury, VT 05819.