

Vera Shastany, 86, of Concord, Vt., died unexpectedly Tuesday, Sept. 30, 2008. She was born on Dec. 8, 1921, the daughter of Charles H. and Julia (Longmore) Babcock. She was predeceased by her husband, Ralph, in 1973. Vera had been employed at Maple Grove and later at Burndy Corp. She really enjoyed cooking for the children at The Concord School during the late 1960s. Later in her life, her greatest joy was her great-grandchildren. She is survived by two children: daughter Kathleen Hill and husband, Jon of North Concord, son Richard Shastany and wife, Kathleen of Concord; six grandchildren: Tim Hill of North Concord, Shawn Hill and wife, Tanya of Lyndonville, Mya Allen and husband, Mike of North Concord, Jessica Shastany and companion Curtis Harris of St. Johnsbury, Ashley Shastany and Samantha Shastany of both South Cairo, N.Y.; three great-grandchildren: Lainie, Tyler, and Samantha; three sisters: Ruth Brown of St. Johnsbury, Barbara Babcock of St. Johnsbury, Alice Steinmuller and husband, Bill of Florida; cousins, nieces, and nephews. She was predeceased by three brothers: George, Charles, and Robert Babcock; and by two sisters: Clementine Brown and Priscilla Simpson. Graveside services will be held Saturday, Oct. 11, at 2 p.m. at the Grove Cemetery located off Route 2 east of the village of East St. Johnsbury. Memorial contributions could be directed to either the Concord FAST Squad or the Concord Fire Department, both at PO Box 113, Concord VT 05824.