

Mrs. Eleanor Gonyaw, of Concord, passed away Friday evening, March 9, 2012, at her son David's home in St. Johnsbury at the age of 88.

Eleanor was born in St. Johnsbury on Aug. 4, 1923, one of eight children born to John E. and Edna (Armstrong) Conly. She graduated from St. Johnsbury Academy in 1941. She married Curtis Gonyaw on May 9, 1947. For years the Gonyaw family lived in St. Johnsbury on Mt. Pleasant Street.



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Eleanor Gonyaw

After graduating high school, Eleanor worked as a secretary at Prudential Insurance on Eastern Avenue in St. Johnsbury before leaving to raise her family. Later, she returned to work, first as a secretary at St. Johnsbury Trade School and then in the business office of the Hovey's Shops. In the early 1970s she began work as a bank teller in St. Johnsbury. In 1986 she retired from banking while working at the Railroad Street branch of the Merchants Bank. In her retired years she enjoyed her interests in cooking and coin collecting, and spent many happy years at the family's homes in Waterford and on Miles Pond in Concord, Vt.

She is survived by her husband Curtis of 65 years; three sons: Stephen Gonyaw and wife Carolyn of Concord, David Gonyaw of St. Johnsbury, Michael Gonyaw and wife Ellen of St. Johnsbury; three grandchildren: William Gonyaw, Ashley Gonyaw and Corey Gonyaw; one brother: Donald Conly of Oregon and sister Mrs. William Cutting (Dorothy) of St. Johnsbury; nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by three brothers and two sisters: J. Raymond, George and Ralph Conly; Ruth Conly as a young girl, and Marion Stanyon.

Graveside services will be held at the convenience of the family this spring at the Lyndon Center Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Caledonia Home Health (marked for 'Hospice'), 161 Sherman Dr., St. Johnsbury VT 05819; or Alzheimer's Association, Vermont Chapter, 300 Cornerstone Drive, Suite 128, Williston, VT 05495.

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