

**Verna M. Berube**, 85, of St. Johnsbury passed away Monday, Nov. 10, 2008, at The Pines in Lyndon. Born Sept. 29, 1923, Verna was the daughter of Roy and Jesse (Breens) Bean. She was predeceased by her husband Francis "Red" Berube in 1995. Verna really enjoyed housekeeping at Downs, Rachlin, and Martin and the camaraderie with all that worked there. She had previously been a sales clerk at the old Days Jewelry Store on Railroad Street, was a former member of the VFW Auxiliary, volunteered at the old St. Johnsbury Hospital, and was played a part in the early development of St. Johnsbury Little League. She is survived by Michael Lumbra and wife Marie of Lyndonville (3666 Severance Hill Road 05851); Mary Gardosik and husband Michael of Anaheim, Calif. (2806 Standish Ave. 92806); six grandchildren, Eric and Craig Lumbra, Jamie Lumbra, Kelly, Jennifer, and Julie Gardosik; five great-grandchildren, Lucas, Tucker and Mia Rose, Kaley and Garrett; one brother Lisle Bean and wife Mary of Springfield, Mass.; and nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by a sister Audrey Hill of St. Johnsbury; brother Ronald Bean of Rangeley, Maine; and her middle child, Gary Lumbra, in 2004. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated in St. Johnsbury on Saturday, Nov. 15, at 11 a.m., at St. John the Evangelist Church. Burial will follow at the Passumpsic Cemetery. Visiting hours will be held at the funeral home Friday from 6 to 8 p.m. Although Verna did not herself die of cancer, she always supported the Relay For Life of which son Michael is a board member. Memorial contributions made payable to American Cancer Society can be directed to Michael at 3666 Severance Hill Road, Lyndonville, VT 05851.