



**Kathryn Gray
Weed, '43 of West
Burke, VT on
September 5, 2016.**

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1925-2016

Kathryn “Kay” Weed, 91, of West Burke, passed away unexpectedly on Sept. 5, 2016 while residing at The Pines. She suffered a debilitating stroke in February and most recently a respiratory virus.

She was born in West Burke, Vt. on June 11, 1925 to Harold Gray and Hattie Bissell Gray.

She graduated from Lyndon Institute with the Class of 1943 and continued her education at Middlebury College graduating as an English major in 1947. As an avid lifelong learner and dedicated elementary school teacher she later pursued classes at Lyndon State College in education but never formalized a Master’s degree as she knew small rural towns would have difficulty funding the required pay increase.

She married Ervin “Joe” Weed Aug. 21, 1947 and moved to Sutton and into the life of dairy farming. She taught in Newark, in a one room school house,

where her Aunt Flora Ball had taught many years before her, until she and Joe started their family.

Kay wore many hats during a full and busy life. She handled the accounting and homemaking side of the farm. She was a 4-H leader, a Defensive Driving instructor, a member of the Extension Service Home Demonstration group and the West Burke Methodist Church WSCS. She returned to teaching after her children were well into their school years, first as an in home tutor and then full time teaching grades 1-4 at Newark Street School. She was a proponent of the Reading is Fundamental "RIF" program, acquiring many books for the school by gathering soup labels. After her retirement, when Newark built a new school in 1980, they established the Kathryn Weed Library.

Kay and Joe enjoyed traveling with their camper to fairs. They were members of the Yankee Waters Camping Club for a time and Kay particularly liked taking bus trips with friends. She remained an active volunteer as a member of the Advisory Council of the Area Agency on Aging. She was on the Board of Directors for the West Burke Senior Meal Site and the West Burke Library. She served with pleasure for many, many years as the volunteer librarian at the West Burke Library.

More recently she enjoyed daily completion of the puzzles in the newspaper, working on her reading goal of 100 books each year, tracking the ever changing political landscape and regular attendance at the West Burke Meal Site.

Kay is survived by her son E. Stanley Weed, Jr. and wife Rhoda of Sutton, Vt. ; daughter Marcia Weed and husband Bob Litchfield of West Burke, Vt.; son-in-law David "Whitey" Ladieu of Swanton, Vt. Also her granddaughters Jackie Zaun of East Burke, Vt. and Katie Ladieu of St. Albans, Vt.; grandsons E. Stanley Weed III of Manchester, N.H. and David Ladieu, Jr. of Charlotte, N.C.; great granddaughter Natalie Crockett of East Burke, Vt. and her sister Pauline Creekmore of Annandale, Va.

She was predeceased by her husband Ervin Weed in 2011 and her daughter Dianne Ladieu in 2000.

Graveside services will be held Sat. Sept. 24 at 11 a.m. at Sutton North Ridge Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations in Kay's memory can be made to the West Burke Methodist Church, c/o Nancy Leonard, 644 Newark St., West Burke, VT 05871.