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GARFIELD: Jean McLane, 77, of Charles Street, Lyndonville, Vt., passed away peacefully Friday, March 19, 2004, at Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital in St. Johnsbury, Vt., surrounded by her loving family. Jean was born Oct. 3, 1926 in St. Johnsbury, the daughter of Alexander D. and Alice C. McLane. After growing up in Lyndonville and graduating from Lyndon Institute in 1944, she attended nurse\'s training at Maine Medical Center in Portland, Maine, graduating in the Class of 1947. Jean worked as an RN at Brightlook and St. Johnsbury hospitals before becoming the school nurse for the town of Lyndon from 1968 until her retirement in 1992. Jean was a member of the Lyndonville United Methodist Church and various nursing organizations. Jean was involved in many volunteer activities including the Salvation Army, American Red Cross, Lyndon Institute Alumni Association, as well as others. She was an advocate for all children at home and at school, and will be remembered by friends and family for her sense of humor, honesty, selfless acts of kindness and her zest for life. She was predeceased by her husband, Howard Garfield; her sister, Betsey Maher; her son-in-law, James Sheehan; and her beloved dog, Emily. She is survived by her three daughters, Melinda Garfield of Waterbury Center, Vt., Elizabeth Laplant and her husband Glenn of Lyndonville, Vt., and Jane Alexander of Waterbury Center; two special grandchildren, Lucas and Alicia Laplant of Lyndonville, Vt.; her sisters-in-law, Phyllis Bennett and her husband Reginald of Lyndonville, Vt., and Dorothy Ellsworth and her husband George of Lutz, Fla.; and many nieces and nephews. The family would like to thank Corner Medical, especially Drs. John Elliott, Susan Gresser and Susan Ensiman, for their support and kindness, as well as the ICU staff, especially Judy Spencer. At Jean\'s request, there will be no visiting hours. A memorial service will be held Tuesday, March 23, at 1 p.m., at the Lyndonville United Methodist Church with the Rev. Barbara Dwyer officiating. Interment will be in Lyndon Center Cemetery later in the spring at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to the Lyndon Rescue Inc., P.O. Box 401, Lyndonville, VT 05851; or to the Elizabeth Brown Humane Society, 180 Emerson Falls

Road, St. Johnsbury, Vt 05819.