

Ruth Wilkins

Ruth J. Wilkins, 81, of Lyndon, died at her home Thursday evening, Feb. 15, 2007. She was born Jan. 25, 1926, in Lyndon, a daughter of the late Howard and Hortense (Ducham) Brown. Ruth graduated from Lyndon Institute's Class of 1944. A loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Ruth was an excellent cook whose baked goods were enjoyed by many. She enjoyed sewing, working in her gardens, and feeding and watching wild birds. In 1946 Ruth married Harold F. Wilkins. They operated a dairy farm on the South Wheelock Road for many years. He predeceased her on Nov. 7, 2002. Survivors include two sons and their wives, Harold F. "Bub" and Thelma Wilkins of Lyndon, and Steven and Pamela Wilkins of Lyndon; three daughters, Pam Peters and her companion Wayland Baxter of Glover, Gail Paquette of West Burke, and Marcia Rainey and her husband Doug of Lyndon; 16 grandchildren; 38 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; a brother, Edward Brown of West Burke; two sisters, Lucille Lavelly and her husband Arthur of St. Johnsbury Center, and Julie Carr of Sutton; many nieces and nephews. Services will be private and held at the convenience of the family. Burial will be in Lyndon Center Cemetery. Memorial donations made in Ruth's memory may be directed to Caledonia Home Health Inc. "marked Hospice," P.O. Box 383, St. Johnsbury, VT 05819. Arrangements are by Guibord Funeral Home, Lyndonville.