

Mary A. (Nolan) Linehan, 79, of Pleasant Street, in St. Johnsbury, passed away Thursday evening, May 1, 2008 at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center after a period of declining health. She was born in St. Johnsbury on May 30, 1928, the daughter of John and Alice (Holbrook) Nolan. Her husband, "Scampy" Daniel Linehan, predeceased her Aug. 24, 1998. After graduating from St. Johnsbury Academy, Mary's first job was at the Fairbanks Morse office where she and Scampy met. They were married in 1947. She later worked at Hovey's Thrifty Shop. Mary loved being a wife and mother. She and Scampy spent several happy winters in Bushnell, Fla. She was especially proud of her paintings done in her younger years. Recently, she knew her health was declining, and she made sure she called all her friends whose friendships she cherished. She was always very supportive of her children in whatever they pursued throughout their lives. She is survived by her daughter, Lisa Burrington and her husband Randy, of Danville; her son, Howard Linehan, of St. Johnsbury; her twin sisters, Patricia Freehart and her husband "Pin," of Orleans, and Gloria Charron, of Lyndonville; and all her nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be held Monday, May 5, at 1 p.m., at the Sayles Funeral Home. The Rev. Robert H. Sargent will officiate. Burial will follow at Mount Calvary Cemetery. The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Monday from noon to the start of the service. Because of Mary's love of animals, memorial contributions may be directed to Kingdom Animal Shelter, P.O. Box 460, St. Johnsbury, VT 05819.