

Vilma McKee Bijolle - Obituary

Vilma McKee Bijolle died in her home in Lakeland, Fla., on March 15, 2012, after a long battle with lymphoma. She was 82 years old.

Vilma was born and raised in St. Johnsbury, along with her sister Elsie Finney. She attended St. Johnsbury Academy and Marietta College in Ohio before moving to Nevada for many years. She returned to Vermont in 1980 after marrying Peter Bijolle, also of St. Johnsbury. Vilma and Peter lived in Rutland for several years where Vilma taught school at Pittsford Elementary in Pittsford, Vt. The couple moved to Florida after retiring in 1994.

Mikki is survived by her husband, Peter; daughters: Ellen Townsend, Brenda Yeager and Cheryl Fanning; sons: David and Michael Bijolle; sister: Elsie Finney; grandchildren: Nathan Bijolle, Ryan Bijolle, Jarryd Fanning and Lauren Yeager; nephews: Craig and Eric Dezell; and two great-grandchildren.

A memorial service and celebration of her life will be held in Lakeland, Fla., on March 24. Donations in her memory may be sent to the American Cancer Society.