

Gloria (Roy) Allen, wife of Forrest 'Bud' Allen and of St. Johnsbury Center, Vt., passed away peacefully, surrounded by her family at home early Monday morning, Oct. 29, 2007. She succumbed to a sudden illness and did not suffer long. She was born in North Danville, Vt., on April 24, 1932, one of four children born to Ernest and Antoinette (Berube) Roy. She and Bud had been married over 57 years. In 1999, she and Bud weathered the loss of their son Wayne. Gloria enjoyed cooking for the kids at the old Community School on Cherry Street. She later worked at Hovey Shops. Being a personal care giver to Wilma Moulton meant a great deal to her. She taught Catechism while her family was growing up. Gloria was an active, spiritual, and giving member of St. John the Evangelist Church. Gloria is survived by her husband, Bud Allen of St. Johnsbury (P.O. Box 122, St. Johnsbury Center, VT 05863); six children, Christine Allen and husband Tom Lafavore of Portland, Maine, Judy Knowles and husband Steve of Biddeford, Maine, Michael Allen and wife Denise of Biddeford Maine, Bruce Allen and wife Pam of St. Johnsbury, Brian Allen and wife Susan of South Portland, Maine, and Dean Allen and Pauline Desilets of St. Johnsbury. Gloria is also survived by Curtis and Amanda, Wayne's two children, whom she and Bud have raised for the past nine years; eight other grandchildren, Paul, Matthew, and Nathaniel, Jonathan, Jessica, Melissa, and Heather, and Phoebe; two great-grandchildren, Tamika and Gage; her sister, Leone Rumbarger and husband Don of Sarasota, Fla.; stepbrother Robert Meserve and wife Christine of Lyman, N.H.; nieces and nephews; and Bud's extended family. She was predeceased by her mother, Toni Meserve in March of this year; her brother, Everett in April of this year; and another brother, Edward several years ago. A funeral Mass will be celebrated this Friday at 11 a.m., at St. John the Evangelist Church. Burial will follow at Mt. Calvary Cemetery. Visiting hours will be held Thursday evening, 6 to 8 p.m., at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be directed to the American Diabetes Association, Vermont Affiliate, 512 Troy Ave., Colchester VT 05446.