

**Marilyn Gochie**, 79, of Lyndonville, died peacefully Thursday, Dec. 24, 2009, at the Pines Rehabilitation and Health Center in Lyndon. She was born Nov. 8, 1930, in St. Johnsbury, the daughter of Lynn and Helen (Merriam) Newell. On July 2, 1950, she married Roland Gochie. Marilyn worked at the VFW Post 10038 in Lyndonville as a bartender for many years. She was also a life member of their Ladies Auxiliary, as well as a member of the American Legion Post 30 Auxiliary. She liked hunting, fishing, playing Bingo, camping and attending family functions. She especially enjoyed following her grandson's auto racing events, Stevie Parker in the "09" strictly stock at WMMP in Woodstock, N.H. Survivors include her eight children, Deborah Switser and husband Stan of Lyndonville, Peggie Parker and husband Steven of Lyndonville, Roland "Joe" Gochie and wife Joanne of Goosecreek, S.C., Jerry Gochie and fiancée Stella Gagnon of Lyndonville, Dianne Gochie of Cambridge, Vt., Holly Rowe and husband Tye of St. Johnsbury, Dwayne Gochie and wife Linda of Kirby, and Theodore "Ted" Gochie; two stepsons, James and Daniel Gochie of Concord; 44 grandchildren; many great-grandchildren; two sisters, Meredith Mitchell and husband Mac of Lyndonville, and Judith Despina and husband Richard of Danville; a brother-in-law, Everett Chamberlin of Barnet; and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband Roland in 1979; her parents; two sisters, Jean Chamberlin and Jerolyn Newell; and a sister-in-law, Elva Richardson. Funeral services will be held Tuesday Dec. 29 at 2 p.m. at Guibord Funeral Home. Friends may call on the family one hour prior to the start of the service, beginning at 1 p.m. Spring burial will be in Lyndon Center Cemetery. Donations made in Marilyn's memory may be directed to Lyndon Rescue Inc., P.O. Box 401, Lyndonville, VT 05851.