Mary Anne Ashton King , 68, of St. Johnsbury, passed away late Wednesday, Oct. 1, 2008. She was born in St. Johnsbury on Jan. 1, 1940, the only child of Donald and Helen (Whalen) Ashton. She graduated from St. Johnsbury Academy with the class of 1957. She received her bachelor's degree from Mt. Holyoke College in Amherst, Mass., and her doctorate in education from the University of Vermont. A longtime teacher and administrator at St. Johnsbury Academy, Mary Anne contributed greatly to the formation and running of the ESL (English as a Second Language) program. She was a longtime trustee at St. Johnsbury Athenaeum and active member of the North Congregational Church. She is survived by her husband, Bradford King; three sons: Daniel King and wife, Elisa, of Denver, Colo., Andrew King and wife, Abigail, of Cleveland, Ohio, Jason King and wife, Diana, of Barre Town, Vt.; two grandchildren Jesse and Hannah; her mother-in-law Alfreda 'Freddie' King of St. Johnsbury, Brad's brother Ronald King of Cohoes, N.Y.; Brad's sister Carol Wilkes and husband, John, of Linton, Ind. Memorial services will be held Wednesday, Oct. 22, at 3 p.m. at the North Congregational Church with pastor and friend, the Rev. Jay Sprout, officiating. A reception will follow the service downstairs at the church. Memorial contributions could be directed to any of the following: St. Johnsbury Athenaeum, 1171 Main St., St. Johnsbury VT 05819; North Congregational Church, 1325 Main St., St. Johnsbury VT 05819; or to St. Johnsbury Academy (earmarked for the ESL Program), 1000 Main St., St. Johnsbury VT 05819.