

Priscilla Cutting Mayo of Waterford, passed away on Friday, June 29, 2012, at the age of 71.

Priscilla was born in 1940 in St. Johnsbury, Vt., the daughter of Col. William B. Cutting and Dorothy (Conly) Cutting of St. Johnsbury.

Priscilla attended St. Johnsbury Academy and graduated in the class of 1958. She attended the University of Vermont, and worked at The New England Telephone Company in Burlington and St. Johnsbury before marrying Michael Mayo of St. Johnsbury.

Mike and Priscilla were married for 47 years.

The couple owned and operated several businesses together including Mayo's Glass, Mayo's Furniture, Mayo's Decorating, Mayo's Bath Shop, and Mayo's Paint Store. Priscilla had the remarkably unique trait of being both analytical and very creative at the same time. She was business manager and bookkeeper for the Mayo businesses, but was also a trained interior decorator. She truly loved both sides of her work.

Priscilla was an avid gardener and an excellent cook. Her creativity and sheer abilities gave her children wonderful memories of handmade Halloween costumes, advent calendars, and quilts. She was active with The Girl Scouts of America for many years.

Priscilla took on organizing the 50th Reunion for the St. Johnsbury Academy Class of 1958. As with everything Priscilla took on, she threw herself into the job and put on a major, event-filled reunion that reunited many friends who hadn't seen each other for decades.

After suffering a stroke in 2008, Priscilla worked hard to regain her full health and independence and continue to garden, working tirelessly to not only meticulously design her beautiful flower gardens, but start them from seed each year, nurse them to growth, then carefully plant each and every one, and constantly maintaining the beautiful gardens.

Priscilla also worked hard on her physical health and in 2009 in a shining achievement was crowned the Queen of Vermont for TOPS organization at a ceremony in Burlington, Vt. As Queen, she represented Vermont at the



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TOPS National Conference in Nova Scotia, Canada in 2010.

Priscilla loved her children and grandchildren and she and Mike travelled frequently to Maine, Massachusetts, and Ohio to see them all.

Priscilla is survived by her husband Michael Mayo of Waterford; three children and their families: son Chris Mayo and his wife June of Wakefield, Mass., and her granddaughters Natalie and Remi Mayo; daughter Karen Mayo and her husband Jeff Marsh of Massillon, Ohio, and her granddaughter Ava Marsh; daughter Janet Parent and her husband Kevin of South Berwick, Maine, and granddaughter Adrienne Parent and grandson Michael Parent. She is also survived by her mother Dorothy Cutting of St. Johnsbury, and, two sisters Barbara Thurston and her husband Ernie; and, Virginia Cross and her husband Ronald, both of St. Johnsbury; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visiting hours will be held on Monday, July 2, from 6-8 p.m. at the Sayles Funeral Home in St. Johnsbury.

A celebration of Priscilla's life will take place the following day on Tuesday, July 3, at 11 a.m. at the Grace Methodist Church, on Central Street in St. Johnsbury. The Pastor Kirk Thompson and Deacon Bernier Mayo will officiate.

Condolences may be shared with the family privately at [www.saylesfh.com](http://www.saylesfh.com)

Sayles Funeral Home is assisting the family with the arrangements. Sayles Funeral Home is located at 525 Summer St. in St. Johnsbury.