

Joanne Root Hesseltine of Tempe, Ariz., formerly of St. Johnsbury, passed away on Aug. 28, 2009, at the Desert Banner Hospital with her loving family by her side. She was born on July 23, 1941, the daughter of the late Leonard and Olive Root Sr. She was an alumna of St. Johnsbury Academy Class of 1959. Joanne and her husband, Arthur, recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 3. Joanne is survived by her husband, Arthur, and her three children, Gary Hesseltine (Kim), Karen Byrne (Gary), Vicki Johnson (Steve); nine grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; three brothers, Leonard Root Jr. of Danville, Robert Root (Joyce) of Waterford and Glenn Root of East Windsor, Conn.; three sisters, Lorraine Dodge (Walter) of Waterford, Betty O'Rourke (Alfred) of Marshfield and Gloria Randall (Neil) of Bradford; several nieces and nephews. Her sisters Mary Pitkat, Barbara Randall and her husband George and sisters-in-law Jean Root and Marion Root predeceased her. Joanne was active with Relay For Life through The American Cancer Society. In lieu of flowers, a memorial donation in her name may be made to The American Cancer Society, Attn: Relay For Life Tempe, 4550 E. Bell Road, Phoenix, AZ 85032.