

**DESPINS: Sandra Blake**, 58, of Barnet, beloved wife of Albert (Joe) Despins Jr., died Tuesday, Sept. 7, 2004, surrounded by her family after a courageous battle against lung cancer. She was born Oct. 1, 1945, in St. Johnsbury, the daughter of Marion (Reed) and the late Dean Blake Sr. Sandra was a 1963 graduate of St. Johnsbury Academy. She had worked for Howard Time Sales, Vinton Motors, Kelton Motors, McCormick Motors, Wayne Ford Chrysler and most recently, until her illness, at Littleton Coin Company. Sandra truly enjoyed spending time with her family, especially her precious grandchildren. Her favorite pastimes were laying on the beach in Old Orchard, Maine, family cookouts and dancing to country music, especially the group Alabama. Sandra was well-known for her rum cakes and various Christmas cookies. Her infectious smile and great sense of humor brightened the days of everyone who came in contact with her. On Nov. 12, 1966, she married Albert (Joe) Despins Jr., her loving husband, who survives her in Barnet. Other survivors include two sons, Albert (Joey) Despins III and his wife Leann and son Beau of Barnet, and Christopher Despins and his wife Sarah of Groton; grandchildren Kelsi, Korilynn and Dennis Despins of Concord; her mother, Marion Blake of St. Johnsbury; a sister, Carol Earnshaw and her husband James of Goodman, Mo.; a brother, Dean Blake Jr. and his wife Jeannie of West Burke; her mother-in-law, Helen Rainey of Lyndonville; her uncle, Harold Reed of St. Johnsbury; sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, nieces and nephews, and many good friends. Sandra was predeceased by her father; and a son, Cory Steven Despins. A memorial service was held Friday, Sept. 10, 2004, at 2 p.m. at the Ryegate Corner Presbyterian Church with the Rev. M. Catherine Cook officiating. Committal services for the family were held prior to the memorial service at the Barnet Center Cemetery. Contributions in

Sandra's memory may be directed to either Caledonia Home Health Care (marked for "Hospice"), P.O. Box 383, St. Johnsbury, VT 05819; or to Ryegate Presbyterian Church, in care of Treasurer Jeff Fraser, 3213 Ryegate Road, East Ryegate, VT 05402.