

Gladys W. Desrochers, 96, died Dec. 30, 2004, at The Birches in Concord, N.H. She was born in Inverness, Quebec, the daughter of William and Harriet Little Walker. In the 1920s, her family moved to Barnet, Vt. She received her education at the University of Vermont, Boston University and Concord College of Business. For 20 years, she taught in local high schools, including McIndoes Academy, St. Johnsbury Academy, Peacham Academy and Woodsville High School. She was a member of the Vermont State Teachers' Association and NEA. She was a lifelong member of Barnet Congregational Church and the Monroe Grange and a long-time member of the Woman's Club of Concord. In 1940, she and her husband, Herbert "John" Desrochers, purchased The Old Homestead Inn in Barnet which they operated for 35 years. In 1976, they retired to Concord, N.H., where they spent their remaining years. Gladys was predeceased by her husband, Herbert, in 1982. Four sisters, Sarah, Laura, Gertrude Hoar and Effie Mitchell; and three brothers, William, Harvey and Borden also predeceased her. She is survived by two daughters, Laura of Concord, N.H., and Linda Ward of Boise, Idaho; a son, John and his wife Donna, and their daughter Abbie of Essex Junction, Vt.; as well as several nieces and nephews. There will be no calling hours. Funeral services will be held Wednesday, Jan. 5, at 2 p.m., at Barnet Congregational Church. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Barnet Congregational Church, Barnet, VT 05821; or McIndoes Academy Association, in care of Carolyn Farman, P.O. Box 24, Barnet, VT 05821.