

Margaret Ward Pollard, 87

Margaret Ward Pollard, 87, long time resident of North Danville, Vt., died peacefully Oct. 29, 2007, at St. Johnsbury Health and Rehabilitation surrounded by sons. Margaret was the twin sister of Marian Ward. Her mother was a retired teacher and her father a farm worker on locations around the northern rural area of North Danville, later employed at the local sawmill and then on the town road crew. As the girls approached school age, the family purchased a home in the village of North Danville and this was the family home until 1996. Their brother was born to the family in 1926 and followed the customary schooling through St. Johnsbury Trade School. After a brief period of employment in the machine tool field in Springfield, Vt., he enlisted in the U.S. Army at the time of World War II and was later killed in action in Germany in 1945. The girls completed school at St. Johnsbury Academy. Marian trained as an office and sales clerk, working at FW Woolworth, The Caledonian-Record newspaper and the local telephone switchboard. Margaret received post-secondary training at UVM and became a teacher and stenographer. Eight years of high school teaching in North Troy and Springfield, Vt., and Madison, Conn., followed. She changed from teaching to doing office work at Fairbanks Morse and Company in 1950 and married an executive of the company, George Pollard on Oct. 11, 1952. A 12-year career as parents with four sons went on and Margaret returned to her teaching career for 17 years at Concord High School in 1965. She retired in 1982 to a life of selected activities until becoming impaired in health. She balanced her family and work interests with passions for reading, gardening, animals, and the outdoors. Her love of reading provided her the opportunity to volunteer countless hours at the North Danville Community Library. Although retired, she was never very far away from teaching and volunteered at the Northeast Regional Correctional Facility, teaching basic educational skills to inmates. She enjoyed attending the local retired teachers' luncheons with friends. Margaret was predeceased by her brother Horace in World War II; her father, Benjamin in 1972; and her mother, Helen in 1974; her oldest son, Roger in 1973; her husband, George in 1975; and most recently, her twin

sister, Marian in 2006. She survived by her three sons, Thomas of St. Johnsbury, Martin and his wife Laurie, and their children Benjamin, Christine, Jennifer, and Amanda of Danville, Curtis and his wife Mary and their daughter Meghan Pollard of Chicago, Ill. Family and friends are welcome to attend a graveside service on Saturday, Nov. 3 at noon at Danville Green Cemetery, located on Brainerd Street in Danville, Vt. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired, 37 Elmwood Ave., Burlington, VT 05401-4390 or Danville Rescue, Brainerd Street, Danville, VT 05828. Those wishing to send a message of condolence, please visit www.saylesfuneralhome@verizon.net. The family wishes to express their sincere gratitude to the nurses and staff at Canterbury Inn and St. Johnsbury Health and Rehabilitation for their care and kindness.