



Merle I. Minkler

January 5, 1919 - May 29, 2009

COLEBROOK, NEW HAMPSHIRE – Mrs. Merle I. (Rattie) Minkler, 90, of Colebrook, New Hampshire, passed away Friday morning, May 29, 2009, at the Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital in Colebrook.

Mrs. Minkler was born January 5, 1919, in North Troy, VT, a daughter of the late Phillip and Nora (Cushing) Rattie.

Mrs. Minkler was a homemaker and she committed her life to caring for her children and her husband. At an earlier age, she was a member of the Pythian Sisters in North Stratford, NH, and throughout her life she enjoyed cooking, gardening, reading and keeping a meticulously clean home. She will be remembered as a loving wife, mother, grandmother and sister, and she will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Mrs. Minkler is survived by three daughters, Rosalie Quimby of East Concord, VT, Faye Lay and husband, Richard, of Lemington, VT, and Rita Hebert and husband, Claude, of Grand Haven, MI; eight grandchildren; twelve great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Mrs. Minkler is preceded in death by her parents; her loving husband, Charles E. Minkler; a son, Gary E. Minkler; three brothers, Cort Rattie, Donald Rattie, Asa Rattie; three sisters, Delia Burke, Vivian Combs, Elizabeth Rattie; a son-

in-law, George Quimby; and a grandson, Butch Quimby.

Calling hours will be held on Monday, June 1, 2009, from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home in Colebrook with a funeral service to follow at 1:00 p.m. at the funeral home. The Reverend Rebecca Larson will officiate. An interment service will be held at the Pine Grove Cemetery in Newport, VT, at a later date.

Tribute Wall



“ TO ALL, MY THOUGHTS ARE WITH YOU AT THIS DIFFICULT TIME. I REMEMBER YOUR MOM AS BEING SUCH A HAPPY, LOVING LADY. I KNOW YOU 'LL MISS HER VERY MUCH. I HOPE ALL YOUR MEMORIES OF CHILDHOOD COME FLOODING BACK AND BRING YOU ALL MUCH HAPPINESS, LIKE YOUR MOM GAVE YOU. GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU AND BE WITH YOU NOW AND ALWAYS. LOVE LORRAINE##imported-begin##LORRAINE HARDING##imported-end##

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“ To Merle's girls and families,

So sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. My deepest sympathy to all of you.

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“ Dear Rita, Faye and Rosalie,
Donnie and I were saddened to hear of your Mom's passing. I have so many fond memories of spending countless nights at your house with you, Rita, and how your Mom put up with our comings and goings, our loud music and our many midnight raids on the refrigerator. Despite our antics, she made me feel welcomed and at "home". I also remember your Mom doing her housework and cooking in dresses and heels which sure impressed me! She was a kind and loving person, traits that she passed on to each of you. I know that the memories that are yours to treasure will help you through your time of sorrow.

Love,

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