



Olita Iris McKeage

August 23, 1928 - January 23, 2009

PITTSBURG – Miss Olita Iris McKeage, 80, passed away on Friday afternoon, January 23, 2009, at the Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital in Colebrook, NH.

Miss McKeage was born on August 23, 1928, in Pittsburg, a daughter of the late Ivo McKeage and Vena (Washburn) McKeage. She was raised and educated in Pittsburg and graduated from Pittsburg High School in the Class of 1946.

For many years, Olita was a telephone operator in many different locales. She worked for the telephone company in Littleton, NH, and then traveled and worked as a hotel telephone operator in North Carolina, Florida and New Jersey. For six years, she was an operator for the Pratt & Whitney Company in Southington, Conn.; and then she returned to working in hotels for several more years. She worked also for Hampton Equipment in Lancaster, NH, for ten years before retiring in 1990, at which time she returned to Pittsburg to live.

She loved the outdoors, picking berries, gathering wildflowers, feeding the birds, going for rides and shopping with her sister. She loved her family and her home.

Olita is survived by her sister, Ivona Hartshorn, of Pittsburg, NH, and a niece,

Jennifer Hartshorn of Atlanta, Ga.

She is preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Gerald McKeage in 1953; and a sister, Dorothy Bunnell, in 2003.

There will be no calling hours. A graveside service will be held on Sunday, June 7, 2009, at 2:00 p.m. at the Pittsburg Hollow Cemetery.

Expressions of sympathy in memory of Miss McKeage may be made to the North Country Humane Society, c/o Joan Shatney, 60 Pleasant Street, Colebrook, NH 03576.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home, Colebrook, NH.

Tribute Wall



“ Ivona - I'm happy that I happened to see Olita at the family homestead two years back. My wife and I were parked in the yard while I reminisced about the ties with our family and the wonderful memories of the McKeags, when she came by. Those thoughts will always remain warm and vivid; I'm sorry to lose another partner in the story. I promise to see you in the near future. God bless.
Bruce###imported-begin##Bruce Bacon###imported-end##

February 08, 2009 at 08:57 AM



“ Dear Ivonna, So sorry to hear of your sister's passing. Our sincere sympathy. We will miss seeing Olita along Route 3 picking her berries and checking on the wildlife.###imported-begin##Helga Ziegler###imported-end##

February 01, 2009 at 08:56 AM



“ Ivonna: I had a call from my daughter, Annie, informing of Olita's passing. She and I had a wonderful visit a couple of years ago up at the Hollow cemetery. I just wanted you to know how much I always enjoyed Olita and her parents. With sympathy. Waneta###imported-begin##Waneta Thibeault###imported-end##

January 28, 2009 at 03:33 PM



“ Ivona Roland and I are so sorry that we, Diane, Paul and Bing were all down here in FL and couldn't be there for you. Know that we are thinking of you. With sympathy, Patty###imported-begin##Patty Hart###imported-end##

January 24, 2009 at 11:27 PM



“ Dear Ivona,
When I got on Jenkins site this afternoon, I was shocked to read about Olita. I am so thankful that we had that time together last Fall. It will be among my fondest memories.
Our hearts go out to you. You will be in our thoughts and prayers.
Love from,
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January 24, 2009 at 05:07 PM