



## Opal A. Merrill

September 4, 1923 - August 19, 2004

Mrs. Opal A. (Ellingwood) Merrill, 80, of Colebrook, NH, passed away late Thursday evening, August 19, 2004, at the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, NH.

Mrs. Merrill was born September 4, 1923, in Groveton, NH, daughter of the late Edgar O. and Esther G. (Severy) Ellingwood.

During World War II, she worked as a welder in a shipyard in Maine contributing to the war effort. She later worked as a waitress and in manufacturing, and after raising her family, she decided to go back to school at the age of 48. Upon graduation, she went to work for Amica Insurance Company, retiring after more than 20 years of service. During her retirement, she traveled throughout the United States. She enjoyed tending to her flower gardens and loved caring for her cats. She will be remembered as a loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend.

Mrs. Merrill is survived by her two sons: Ron Cross and his wife, Carol, of Guildhall, VT, and Dennis Cross and his wife, Deborah, of Pittsburg, NH; her brother, Ernest Ellingwood of Florida; two sisters, Gwen Cross of Island Pond, VT, and June Rainville of Colebrook, NH; three grandchildren: Mike Cross of Chandler, AZ, Amy Cross of Arundel, ME, and Cindy McCowen of Bloomfield, VT; three great-grandchildren: Mason Ray Perkins, Dawson J. McCowen, and

Dillon M. McCowen; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.