

CLEMONS - ALICE S. FOSTER, 89, after a short illness, died peacefully in her sleep, April 18th, 2009. She was the daughter of Charles R. Schwerdtfeger and Ethel Powers Schwerdtfeger of Putnam, NY. Alice was predeceased by her husband, Former Town of Dresden Supervisor, Francis "Zeke" Foster. She was also predeceased by a daughter, Mary Elsie Foster, a son, Grant Richard Foster, and a grandson, Grant R. Foster II. She was also predeceased by her brothers, Oscar Schwerdtfeger, Putnam, and Charles R. Schwerdtfeger, Ticonderoga, as well as her sisters, Lillian "Jimmy" Bain, Putnam, Elsie Breed, Crown Point and Marie Lowell, Lake Bomoseen, Vt.

Alice was born in Putnam, NY on the Schwerdtfeger family farm - her love of the farm & her family was forever in her heart. Zeke & Alice were married May 26, 1940 in the Clemons Baptist Church. They bought their first home in Clemons, NY where they lived and raised their family for twenty years. When he retired, they built a house in Huletts Landing, where she continued to live, after Zeke's death until 2007. Her last years were spent with a daughter in Clemons. No matter where she lived, she always enjoyed visits from her family and friends.

Alice was always generous to her family and neighbors and often put the welfare of others ahead of herself. When she was young, she preferred the outdoors and loved to work with her rock gardens, flowers, and vegetables. She enjoyed ice-fishing with her husband on Lake George, & with Jean Cooper, after Zeke's death. She loved animals and, especially loved horses. In her later years, she liked to nap with her dog on her lap and to play with her cat. She also enjoyed trading stories with Babe Gregory and Frances Hebert about bygone days of delivering milk to people in Glenburnie and Huletts Landing.

Alice was a member of the Eastern Star and Dresden Volunteer Fire Department Women's Auxiliary. She also volunteered her time and contributions to the Clemons 4-H Club, Clemons Baptist Church and Whitehall PTA. She especially loved going to functions in Putnam.

She is survived and will be great missed by family including her daughter, Gerry Moore, Granville, NY, her son Gordon Foster and daughter-in-law, Geraldine Calvi Foster, Fair Haven, VT., her daughter, former Dresden Supervisor, Susan Foster-Ives and son-in-law, Mark Ives, Clemons, NY, her daughter, Lillian Smithling and son-in-law, Leslie Smithling, Havana, FL., her son, Allen Foster, Huletts, NY, her son Frank C. Foster and daughter-in-law, Joanne Grady Foster, Clemons, NY, her daughter-in-law, Angela DeVecchi Foster, Granville, NY, her son Roger Foster and his friend, Dean Kennedy, East Point, GA, her son Walter D. Foster and daughter-in-law, Tina Hayes Foster, Granville, NY.

She is also survived by grandchildren, Stacey Trevellyn, Wendy Wollny, X. James Foster, Justin Foster, Daniel Foster, Leah Foster, Katy Foster, Walter Foster and step-grandchildren, Amanda Drinkwine, Erika Harrington, Jeff Ives & their families.

She is also survived by many great-grandchildren and many, many nieces and nephews and their families.

Friends may call from 6-9 on Tuesday, April 21st at Jillson's Funeral Home, 46 Williams Street, Whitehall, NY. A funeral service will be held on Wednesday, April 22, 2009 at 10 am at Jillson's Funeral Home.

The family suggests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to either the Dresden Volunteer Fire Department, 14092, Clemons, NY or the Huletts Landing Volunteer Fire Department, 905 Route 6, Huletts Landing NY 12841