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BERWICK, Maine - Mary Louise (McCarthy) Wright, 91, of Berwick, Maine,

died Tuesday, December 10, 2013. She was born April 29, 1922, in Lynn, Massachusetts, to Joseph M. and Verna (Tucker) McCarthy. Mary Louise was salutatorian for the 1940 class of Spaulding High School. She continued her

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education at UNH, graduating the Accelerated Program in 1943 with a B.S. in Zoology. She worked as a medical lab technician in Boston hospitals until she enlisted in the Navy WAVES in 1943. Mary Louise trained in Boston and New York City before serving as a Pharmacist's Mate at the Philadelphia Naval Hospital. She met her husband, US Marine Thomas C. "Mike" Wright, when he was sent there to recover from injuries received during the Battle of Peliliu in the South Pacific. They were married in 1945.

The family lived for a short time in Chester, Pennsylvania, before moving to their farm in Berwick in 1947. Mary Louise spent her life caring for her family.

She was a communicant and Eucharistic Minister of Our Lady of Peace Church. She was a member of the church's Women's Sodality, helping to organize the first Penny Sales. Mary Louise served as a member and president of the Parish Council and was the chair for the Social Justice and Peace commission for many years. She was a Literacy Volunteer for America. Mary Louise was a proud member of both the Charles S. Hatch American Legion Post #79 and the Women's Auxiliary, where she served as president for over 20 years. She was an early member of the Great Works Regional Land Trust, and placed her entire property under conservation easement through them.

Mary Louise experienced the loss of her husband, and a granddaughter, Amy Laviolette. She is survived by her 9 children: Mary Ellen Wright (Ronald Bickford), Nancy (Robert) Barter, Michael, Christopher, Thomas (Terri), Kathryn, and Timothy Wright, all of Berwick; Teresa Tremblay of Somersworth; and Patricia (Laurent) Lagueux of Prescott Valley, Ariz. She also leaves behind 14 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren, and a great-great- granddaughter.

Calling hours will be Monday, December 16, from 1-3 and 6-8 at Laing-Bibber Funeral Chapel in Berwick, Maine. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. Martin's church in Somersworth, N.H, on Tuesday, December 17 at 10 a.m. with interment following at Evergreen Cemetery in Berwick. Should friends desire, a list of charities for memorial donations will be available at Laing- Bibber Funeral Chapel and at www.bibberfuneral.com. Arrangements are in care of Laing-Bibber Funeral Chapel, 36 Rochester Street, Berwick, Maine 03901.

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