

Addie M. Shields, 93, formerly of the North Point Road and of the Vilas Home, died Saturday, October 31, 2009, at CVPH Medical Center.

She was born in Beekmantown on June 24, 1916, the daughter of Howard and Agnes (Dupee) Lawrence.

Addie graduated from Plattsburgh High School in 1934 and Plattsburgh Normal School in 1937 then later received her masters from Plattsburgh State.

She married Francis M. Shields in 1939 at the Presbyterian Manse in Chazy. Addie was a former member of the East Beekmantown Church and later the Plattsburgh Presbyterian Church.



She and her husband carried on with a turkey farm owned by her grandfather, Charles Shields, for 12 years. After Francis' death, she was appointed Clinton County Historian in 1978 and continued for 30 years, retiring in December of 2007.

Addie was a member of the Clinton County Historians Association and member and secretary New York State Associations of County Historians, associate member of the North Country Local Historians, representing Clinton, Essex, St. Lawrence and Hamilton Counties. She was also a member of the Plattsburgh Literary Club, the Delta Kappa Gamma and was regent of the Plattsburgh Chapter of the DAR.

Addie was editor of "Landmark in a Passageway-Beekmantown," "The Diary of John Jersey McFadden" and "The John Townsend Addoms Homestead-Underground Railroad Station" along with many other publications.

Survivors include a son, Charles Shields and his wife Gail of Las Vegas; son-in-law, Bill Atwood of West Chazy; two grandsons, Matthew Atwood and his wife Amy of Jackson, MI, John Atwood and his wife Lisa of West Chazy; a granddaughter, Deborah Atwood and her fiancé John Holton of Woburn, MA; three great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Addie was predeceased by a daughter, Charlotte Atwood; and a sister, Olive Stewart.

Calling hours will be held Monday, Nov. 2, 2009, from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. at the R.W. Walker Funeral Home, 69 Court St., Plattsburgh. A funeral service will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the Chazy Presbyterian Church. Burial will follow in the Riverside Cemetery in Plattsburgh.

Donations may be made to the East Beekmantown Cemetery Corporation.

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