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Elizabeth Kempton Brimberry

A memorial service will be held for Elizabeth Kempton Brimberry, on Sunday, March 25, 2007, 1:30 p.m., at Trinity Baptist Church, 300 Trinity Drive, Williston, Vermont 05495 (Phone: 802-878-8118).

Elizabeth Kempton Brimberry, was born April 8, 1921 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and died February 26, 2007 in Shelburne, Vermont. She was a resident of the Wake Robin community in Shelburne for nearly twelve years. Elizabeth came to Wake Robin from Maryland, near Washington, D.C. where she resided for 27 years. Elizabeth followed her husband Colonel Will Olan Brimberry, Senior, United States Air Force, around the globe as the wife of a career military officer.

Elizabeth embraced every community in which she lived. She volunteered as Girl Scout leader, Cub Scout den mother, Sunday School teacher and swim team mother. Elizabeth served as President of the Langley Air Force Base Officers' Wives Club in Virginia and she was a leader of the Head Start Program for children of migrant workers. When Elizabeth Elizabeth moved to Maryland, she served as tutor for the Barbara Bush Reading Program.

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Elizabeth Kempton Brimberry April 8, 1921 -February 26, 2007

Loving, caring and learning were at the heart of Elizabeth's soul. She loved learning of God's compassion; she loved and cared for her family and friends; she loved learning of and experiencing nature and the world around her. Elizabeth's pride and love for nursing was an extension of her loving, caring and learning nature.

Elizabeth was raised in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She was graduated from Girls High School in 1939 and was graduated from the Methodist Hospital Nursing School of Philadelphia in 1942 as a registered nurse. She served during World War II an army nurse. Elizabeth married Will Olan

Brimberry January 10, 1945 in Philadelphia. After their four children were raised, Elizabeth returned to nursing at Leland Memorial Hospital in Hyattsville, Maryland where she was employed for 18 years. Elizabeth specialized in ostomy nursing and received awards for her expertise.

Elizabeth loved the Lord Jesus Christ and trusted in His grace toward her. In her final days, she expressed her hope and confidence that she would be with her Lord and Savior for eternity. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints."

She was preceded in death by her husband, Colonel Will Olan Brimberry in 1989 and by their eldest daughter, Susan Ann Brimberry Katzberg in 2000.

She is survived by her daughter Carolyn Brimberry Smith of Essex, Vermont; her son Will Olan Brimberry, Jr., Alexandria, Virginia; her daughter Janice Brimberry White of Moraga, California; her sons-in-law Bruce Andrew Smith and Richard Thomas White; and her grandchildren Valerie, Bonnie and Zachary Smith, David and Julianna White and Jenna, Kimberly and Richard Katzberg.