

# Mable M. Churchill

November 27, 2017

**WATERTOWN, NY** — Mable M. Churchill, 91, a longtime Burrville resident passed away Sunday, Nov. 26, 2017. She was a recent resident of Samaritan Keep Home.

Mable was born March 7, 1926 in Antwerp, the eldest daughter of Lila VanCor and Dan Sampson who had 13 children. Mable spent her early years on the family farm previously owned by her great-great grandfather Charles Christmas. In 1943 the family farm was taken by the federal government to expand Pine Camp. Her family was the subject of a chapter Heartache on the Homefront from Dave Shampine's book "Remembering the North Country: Tales of Time Gone By".



Mable was united in marriage to Raymond Grant Churchill on March 18, 1944 at Rutland Congregational Church Parsonage. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1994 with a celebration at Town of Watertown Fire Department. Raymond passed away 22 years ago this week on Nov. 30, 1995.

She is survived by seven children, Rebecca Churchill of Buskirk, NY; Roselyn Taylor (Dennis) of Rodman, NY; Rita Woodruff (Lloyd) of Copenhagen, NY; Rhonda Daniels (Richard) of Eustis, FL; Roxanne Mustizer (Edward) of Sacket's Harbor, NY; Roland Churchill (Vicky) of Burrville, NY and Rae Haynes (Paul) of Canastota, NY; 18 grandchildren, 39 great-grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren. Mable has one remaining sibling, Gloria (Cookie) Dobson of Theresa, NY.

Mable was a long-time supporter and a founding member of the Town of Watertown Fire Department Auxiliary. She was a 4-H leader and was involved with the Burrville Church Youth Group. She was a partner in Churchill Honey Farms, a very successful family honey business which was widely known in NYS and nationally for honey production. Mable marketed honey at local farmer's markets and Stone Mills craft fair. For many years she created displays for the New York State Fair to promote the honey industry. Mable was very creative, enjoying china painting, declarative painting, sewing and hand crafted projects. She opened her heart and home to "Fresh Air children" and others needing a temporary family. Mable also made quilts for her entire family by hand and loved gardening and bluebirds. She was known in the North Country for her cooking, especially her pies. She was an outstanding role model for her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren because of her strong will, her wit and her fierce independence.

There will be a Celebration of Life at the Town of Watertown Fire Department, Station 1 at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 2.

In lieu of flowers, the family encourages donations to Town of Watertown Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary.

Arrangements are with Reed & Benoit Funeral Home, Inc.

Condolences may be made at [www.reedbenoit.com](http://www.reedbenoit.com).

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