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PENACOOK — Theresa Delvina Ralls, 84, of Penacook, and formerly of Gilmanton and Belmont, died Monday, April 17, 2017, at her home.

Theresa was born on Dec. 28, 1932, in Haverhill, Massachusetts, the daughter of George and Delvina (Hamel) Long. Stella (Giroux) Long was Theresa's step-mother.

Theresa worked as a town clerk for the town of Belmont for many years. She also worked as a receptionist at HomeBank in Gilford, and worked at home for Annalee Dolls in Meredith while her children were young. Theresa and her husband Arthur owned AJ's Country Store on Route 106 in Belmont where they thoroughly enjoyed meeting everyone who stopped in.

Theresa enjoyed gardening, playing bingo, and crocheting. She also loved to spend time with her family and grandchildren and taking long rides exploring with her late husband, Arthur. Theresa was an active member for many, many years in the American Legion Auxiliary Ellis-Geddes-Leavitt Post 102 in Gilmanton, continuing her membership through 2017. She was president of the Shellcamp Lake Association for years, helping the association and homeowners improve their community. She was also very active in the Gilmanton Elementary PTA while her children were young, and was recognized as a recipient of the New Hampshire State PTA member of the year award.

Theresa is survived by a son, Michael Ralls and his wife Christine of Gilmanton; a daughter, Pamela Roy and her husband Andrew of Penacook; a sister, Jackie Vigeant of Nashua; a brother-in-law, Nicholas Hamp of Maine; three grandchildren, Austin Ralls, Michaela Ralls and Shawn Roy; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents she was predeceased by her husband, Arthur J. Ralls; and her sisters, Dolores (Barton) Poirier, and Barbara (Goodreau) Quinn.

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There will be no calling hours. A graveside service will be held Monday, April 24, at 2 p.m. at the State Veterans Cemetery 110 Daniel Webster Highway Boscawen.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Theresa's name to the NH Veterans Cemetery Association, PO Box 626, Concord, NH 03302-0626, or the Concord Regional VNA Hospice Program, 30 Pillsbury St., Concord, NH 03301.

Wilkinson-Beane-Simoneau-Paquette Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 164 Pleasant St., Laconia, is assisting the family with the arrangements. For more information and to view an online memorial go to [www.wilkinsonbeane.com](http://www.wilkinsonbeane.com) (<http://www.wilkinsonbeane.com>).