

"THE ROSE STILL GROWS BEYOND THE WALL"

*Near a shady wall a rose once grew,
Budded and blossomed in God's free light.
Watered and fed by morning dew,
Shedding its sweetness day and night.*

*As it grew and blossomed fair and tall,
Slowly rising to loftier height,
It came to a crevice in the wall,
Through which there shone a beam of light.*

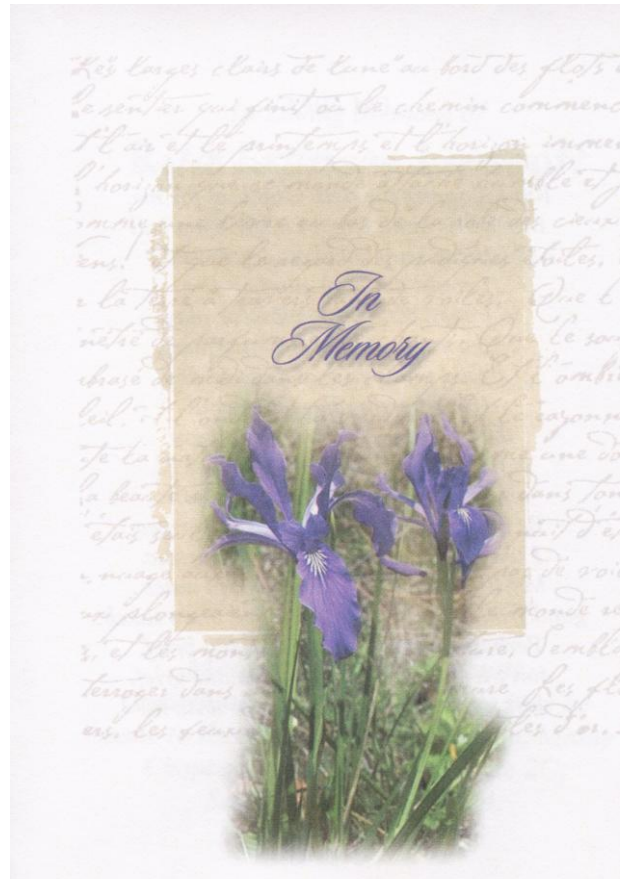
*Onward it crept with added strength,
With never a thought of fear or pride,
It followed the light through the crevice's length,
And unfolded itself on the other side.*

*The light, the dew, the broadening view
Were found the same as they were before;
And it lost itself in beauties new,
Breathing its fragrance more and more.*

*Shall claim of death cause us to grieve,
And make our courage faint or fail?
Nay! Let us faith and hope receive:
The rose still grows beyond the wall.*

*Scattering fragrance far and wide,
Just as it did in days of yore,
Just as it did on the other side,
Just as it will for evermore.*

by A. L. Frink



Marguerite Staples, 97, died February 16, 2017 at a Bangor nursing home. She was born on Swans Island, October 29, 1919, the daughter of Chester and Bessie (Herrick) Joyce.

Marguerite was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She married Norman Staples on December 24, 1942 and they were happily married for 60 years. She was deeply devoted to her church. She enjoyed participating in Ladies' Aide, teaching Sunday school, attending weekly services and volunteering. She was a gifted cook and was great at solving crossword puzzles. Marguerite enjoyed gardening, bird watching and riding around the Island. She often passed her time crocheting and watching game shows on TV. Her family has many fond memories of looking at old pictures with her and hearing stories from long ago.

She is survived by her three sons, Terry Staples and his life partner, Joanna Kohler of Swans Island, Peter Staples and wife Theolyn of Bangor, and Timothy Staples and wife Susan of Standish; eight grandchildren, Terrie-Jo Sinclair, Christopher Staples, Keith Staples, Shelly Morin, Allison Kabkonen, William Staples, Zachary Staples and Rhonda Ranquist; many special great-grandchildren; great-great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her loving husband, Norman; daughter, Judith; brothers, Keith and Roy Joyce; sisters, Alice Burns and Gladys Joyce.

The family would like to thank the staff at Sylvia Ross where she resided for the last three years.

Condolences may be expressed at www.jordanfernald.com

**In Memory of
Marguerite Staples**

October 29, 1919 – February 16, 2017

Visitation

**2 p.m. – 4 p.m. Sunday, February 19, 2017
Jordan-Fernald Funeral Home
113 Franklin Street, Ellsworth**

**A funeral service and burial will take place
at a later date.**

Memorial Donations

**may be made to
Atlantic Baptist Church Annex Fund,
351 Minturn Road,
Swans Island, ME 04685.**