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Please excuse the informal email message but it is rapid and I think you will want to know:

My mother, Marion H. Brandon, died right near midnight in the early morning of May 5th officially. She had been in a nursing home since April 11 after 2.5 years of 24-hour home care. I was there until 11 p.m. And she was sleeping very peacefully so I left but apparently she died shortly after. I would guess she died before midnight but they did not officially pronounce her dead and write it up until a few minutes after.

Below are words I shared with United Church of Christ Global Ministries folks plus words I gave the funeral home for the obituary.

She was deeply UCC, with four pastors to whom she related, all Congregational Christian or UCC (father, brother, husband, daughter), and with her service for UCBWM as a missionary nurse in Turkey, aged 60-65. (She went two months after her youngest child (me) graduated from college – when she finally felt free!) She graduated from Defiance College, a UCC related school (Christian church origins) and when my father died at age 40 while a pastor, she received help from the Christmas Fund for a few years. And during summers during college she waited tables at the Craigville Conference Center, then run by the Christian Churches of New England who later joined the Congregationalists!. She has been a member of the Southampton Congregational Church (UCC) the last thirty years.

Here is her official obituary:

Marion Vera Hurlburt Brandon  
December 24, 1903 – May 5, 2003

Marion H. Brandon, thirty years a resident of Southampton, Massachusetts, died on May 5. She was born in Mendon, Vermont, the day before Christmas in 1903, the daughter of the Rev. Donald Paul Hurlburt and Sara Wright Hurlburt. She graduated from high school in Bangor, Maine, from Defiance College in Ohio and from the Rhode Island hospital School of Nursing in Providence. Her husband, the Rev. Ralph A. Brandon predeceased her in 1941 and her only brother, the Rev. Roderic W. Hurlburt of Southampton, predeceased her in 1986. She is survived by sons Paul C. Brandon of Bellows Falls, VT and D. David Brandon of Delmar, NY and by a daughter, the Rev. Ruth M. Brandon of Westfield. She leaves eight grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren. Marion, an R.N., worked six

years as town and school nurse in Hardwick, Vermont, sixteen years as nurse in residence for the New England Kurn Hattin Homes in Westminster, Vermont, five years as a missionary nurse at the Talas Nute Clinic in central Turkey, and several years at the Caverly Home for Crippled Children in Pittsford, Vermont before retiring to Southampton in 1973. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to either Wider Church Ministries of the United Church of Christ, 700 Prospect Ave, Cleveland, OH 44115 or to the Southampton Congregational Church, P.O. Box 145, Southampton, MA, 01073 or to the New England Kurn Hattin Homes, P.O. Box 127, Westminster, VT. 05158. A Memorial Service will be held at First Congregational Church in Southampton on Saturday, May 10 at 2 p.m. with burial in Weybridge, VT at the convenience of the family. There will be no calling hours. Firtion-Adams funeral home of Westfield is handling the arrangements.