



Rowena Reed celebrates her 90th birthday on Sunday, April 4, at the Parish Hall at the Strong United Methodist Church. (Laura Dunham photo)

## Rowena Reed celebrates 90th birthday

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STRONG — Nearly 200 people turned out on Sunday, April 4, at the Parish House at the Strong United Methodist Church to wish Rowena Reed a Happy 90th birthday.

Arrangements for the special occasion were made by Reed's three children, Gilbert, Delbert and Elaine Allen. The catering of the food was done by Reed's granddaughter, Karen, owner of the White Elephant Restaurant in Strong.

Reed was born on Tory Hill in Phillips and moved to Strong when she was 11 years old. She was married to Albert Reed who passed away about four years ago.

Reed worked at Foster Manufacturing for over 20 years.

"She is the rock of the family," said Gilbert Reed.

Reed has 14 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren, and... "I'm not sure, three or four more on the way," she said.

There was a huge buffet, decorated cake, lots of cards, gifts, flowers and family albums on display.

Reed was glad to see her nephew, Wayne Bernard from New Hampshire, whom she hadn't seen since her husband passed away.

Reed said she and her late husband had been members of the United Methodist Church in Strong since 1946.



The Living Waters Assembly of God Church on Main Street in Strong features a new cross at the top of the church. (Laura Dunham photo)

## Bell tower sports new cross

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STRONG — A new nine-foot wide and 16-foot long wooden cross has been erected on the bell tower of the Living Waters Assembly of God Church on Main Street.

Pastor Steve Bracy said that along with volunteers, a crane was obtained to help put the cross up on the church.

The cross was erected on the bell tower of the church to replace the old siren that had not been used in over 60 years, said Pastor Bracy. The church has donated the siren to the Strong Fire Department.

The cross was built and designed by Davin Kangas of

Strong. The church members hope in the future to have the cross lighted at night, said Pastor Bracy.

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