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Nora Arquit

Nora Constance Harris Arquit, 91, of Ithaca, N.Y., died Wednesday, Aug. 6, 2014, at her home. The daughter of the late Samuel Elton and Esther Gillen Harris, she was born June 30, 1923 in Brushton, N.Y. Nora received her BS and MS degrees in Music Education from Ithaca College and lived in Ithaca for many years. She was a high school band director and taught music at schools throughout New York State, to include Waddington, North Lawrence, Clifton Fine, Newfield, Jeffersonville, Au Sable Forks, Penn Yan, Massena and Susquehanna Valley. She took her marching bands to countless competitions, and attended the St. Lawrence County Band Day in Gouverneur for almost four decades. Her most proud moments included guest conducting the U.S. Air Force Band and taking two youth bands to the 1964/1965 New York World's Fair. She was actively involved with several organizations, including the Women Band Directors International (charter member), American School Band Directors Association and Daughters of the American Revolution. She had a passion for photography and genealogy research, which kept her busy during her retirement years.

