Doris L. (Lambert) Manatt, 85

Doris L. (Lambert) Manatt, 85, died Wednesday, July 30, 2008, in Keystone Nursing Center.

She is survived by two daughters, Susan J. Manatt, and husband, Jeremy Rogers, of Shelburne Falls, Mass., formerly of Conway, Mass., and Judith L. Piermarini, and husband, Steven J. Piermarini, of Acton, Mass.; a step-daughter, Jessica-Jean Isrep, and husband, Mohamed Isrep, of Montreal, Quebec, Canada; six grandchildren, Diana Lily Manatt-Rogers, Robert B. Rogers-Manatt, John Piermarini, Amy Piermarini, Jamal Isrep and Maida Isrep.



Mrs. Manatt was predeceased by her husband, John Robert Manatt in 1997.

Doris was born in Leominster, Mass., on May 24, 1923, the daughter of Arthur and Lillian (Roberts) Lambert, and had lived in Leominster all her life. She was a 1941 graduate of Leominster High School and later graduated from the Burbank School of Nursing, class of 1945, in Fitchburg, Mass., as a registered nurse. After graduation, she worked 12 years for Burbank Hospital before becoming a full time homemaker. Before retiring, Doris also worked for over 15 years for the City of Leominster as a crossing guard assigned to the Merriam Avenue and Blossom Street corner. Doris and John had been members of the SMART club for military retirees who love to travel in RVs. They enjoyed many years of traveling around the country, always anticipating meeting up with old retired military friends. Doris was devoted to her family, she was an excellent seamstress, and made the best chocolate chip cookies enjoyed by her grandchildren. She loved her home and enjoyed her neighbors and friends. She was an avid Red Sox fan, she also enjoyed a good laugh and life overall. Doris was a lifelong, and very active member, of St. Mark's Episcopal Church of Leominster. She enjoyed bible study group and also volunteered at the church thrift store on Saturday mornings and helped with the Christmas bazaar each year. She enjoyed music, especially the big band era, and attended many Leominster Colonial Band Concerts conducted by her son-in-law, Steven, also playing in the band were her daughter, Judy, and granddaughter, Amy.

Doris was a participant in the Nurses' Health Study, which followed more than 100,000 female registered nurses since the mid-1970s to study older womens risk factors for cancer and cardiovascular disease. Doris was also a long-term breast cancer survivor.

A funeral service will be held on Monday, Aug. 11, at 11 a.m., in St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Leominster, Mass. Burial will follow in Evergreen Cemetery, also in Leominster. Calling hours will be held on Sunday, Aug. 10, from 4-7 p.m. in the Silas F. Richardson & Son Funeral Home, Leominster. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Leominster, MA 01453, or Leominster Colonial Band, c/o John DeCicco, 193 N. Main St., Leominster, MA 01453.