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Philomena Vacca ... Westford, retired phone operator; 89

WESTFORD — Philomena “Fanny” (Carideo “Me ma”) Vacca, 89, of Westford, died at Emerson Hospital in Concord on June 14. She was the wife of Anthony M. Vacca Sr., who died May 31, 1986.

She was born in Mt. Vernon, N.Y. on June 9, 1911, a daughter of the late John and Rose (Petito) Carideo. She was a lifelong resident of Mt. Vernon and attended the Mt. Vernon school system. She moved to Westford in April to reside with her son’s family.

She married her husband in 1931. Mrs. Vacca worked as a telephone operator for AT&T for many years, retiring in 1960.

Mrs. Vacca is an honorary member of Rosary Altar Society at Our Lady of Victory Church in Mt. Vernon. She was also an active member of the Mt. Vernon Columbiettes #410 (a Women’s affiliate of the Knights of Columbus) where she was a president and district deputy. She frequently visited Calvary Hospital and brought patients her baked goods and gifts that she had crocheted and knitted.

She was an avid bowler. Mrs. Vacca was also a member of the Telephone Pioneers of America, an active member of the AARP #517 in Mt. Vernon and a member of the Loyal Order of the Moose.

She is survived by a son and his wife, Anthony and Laurine Vacca Jr. of Westford; a sister, Lillian Valentino of Mt. Vernon; three grandchildren, Debra and her husband Paul Breault of Dracut, Laura and her husband James Condry of Littleton and Toni Vacca of Lowell; and a great-grandson, Nico Vacca.

VACCA — Of Westford, Philomena (Carideo) Vacca, June 14, formerly of Mt. Vernon, New York. Mother of Anthony Vacca of Westford, sister of Lillian Valentino of Mt. Vernon, N.Y., grandmother of Debra Breault of Dracut, Ma., Laura Condry of Littleton, Ma., and Toni Vacca of Lowell, Ma., great-grandmother of Nico Vacca. Funeral from the Badger Funeral Home, Rt 2A/110 Littleton on Sat. June 24 at 9 a.m. with a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Anne’s Church, Littleton at 10 a.m. Visiting hrs Friday 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. with Burial at Westlawn Cemetery in Littleton. Additionally a Special Memorial Mass will be held at Our Lady of Victory Church, 28 West Sidney Ave., Mt. Vernon, N.Y., Sat. July 15, 2000, at 1 p.m.