



Jane C. Gaffney, 86

LEOMINSTER- Jane C. (Cole) Gaffney, 86 of Austin St., died Thursday, Feb. 26, in the Rose Monahan Hospice Home in Worcester.

She was born in Richmond, VA, on Aug. 11, 1922, a daughter of the late John E. and Anne E. (Fletcher) Cole and has lived in Leominster since 1952.

She attended Drexel Institute of Technology, now Drexel University, in Philadelphia, PA and the Medical College of Virginia. She then graduated from Richmond Professional Institute at the College of William and Mary. Mrs. Gaffney worked as a medical Technologist at St. Luke's Hospital in Richmond, VA during WWII and later for Dr. James V. McHugh in Leominster. She also worked for the Delwin A. Cochrane Insurance Agency in Fitchburg before her retirement.

She was a member of St. Leo's Parish, where she was active in the P.T.A. and the Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality. She was also a member of the Fitchburg Quota Club, the Rotary Anns of Fitchburg, the Leominster League of Women Voters, The Fitchburg-Leominster Insurance Women's Association, the Leominster Senior Center and the Golden Age Club and the Delta Zeta Sorority. Mrs. Gaffney also volunteered for the American Red Cross and the American Cancer Society.

Her husband, James G. Gaffney died in 1994. She leaves two sons, Brian C. Gaffney of Lunenburg and James E. Gaffney and his wife Ann of Leominster; a daughter, Anne G. Contois of Fitchburg; four grandchildren, Brian J. Contois, PFC Daniel A. Contois, USMC, Elizabeth J. Kennedy and Carolyn R. Spengler, four great-grandchildren, Jessica, Patrick, Madeline and Jack.

The funeral will be held on Tuesday, March 3, from the Smith-Mallahy-Masciarelli Funeral Home, 243 Water St., Fitchburg, with a Mass of Christian burial at 10 AM in St. Leo's Church, 128 Main St. Burial will be in the Westlawn Cemetery in Littleton at a later date. Calling hours at the funeral home will be held on Monday, March 2, from 6-8 PM. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to St. Leo's Parish, 128 Main St., Leominster, MA or to the American Red Cross of Central Massachusetts, 2000 Century Dr., Worcester, MA 01606-1256.