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## Abigail Karner...in Fla., Littleton native, Tewksbury Hospital dietitian; 92

FORT MEYERS, Fla. —

Abigail (Flagg) Karner, 92, of Fort Meyers, a Littleton native and former Tewksbury resident, died Saturday, Dec. 27, in Florida. She was married for 57 years to Lenox Stanley Karner Jr., who died in 1990.

She was born in Littleton on April 22, 1911, a daughter of the late Charles Varnum Flagg and Elizabeth (Fairbanks) Flagg. She was educated in the Littleton Public Schools and attended Framingham State College.

Mrs. Karner was an assistant dietitian at Tewksbury State Hospital and was retired from the John T. Berry Rehabilitation School in 1980, where she taught life skills.

She attended the Littleton Congregational Church.

Mrs. Karner was an avid reader and she



enjoyed gatherings with her family and many friends.

Mrs. Karner is survived by two daughters and a son-in-law, Barbara G. Karner of Fort Meyers Beach, and Mary Beth and her husband George W. DeRoche of Tewksbury; a son and daughter-in-law, Charles Karner and his wife Barbara (Wells) Karner of Tewksbury. She also leaves her sisters-in-law, Josephine (Kennedy) Karner of Littleton, widow of Lenox "Sandy" Karner III, Helen Louise Holland, residing in New Jersey, Mary Jane Baker, residing in New Hampshire, and Josephine (Cary) Karner, a Massachusetts resident; 14 grandchildren, Charles, Bruce, Alan, Sandra, Cheryl, Mark, Joseph, Dean, Rebecca, Brent, Craig, Derek, Mandy and David; also 25 great-grandchildren.

She was the sister of the late Charles V. Flagg Jr., Donald Flagg, John Flagg and Francis Flagg, and the grandmother of the late Brenda Osborne Sweatt.

**KARNER** — Formerly of Littleton and Tewksbury, Abigail (Flagg) Karner, Dec. 27, in Fla. A Memorial Service will be held at the Badger Funeral Home, Rt. 2A, Littleton on Friday at 3 p.m. Committal service of ashes will be at Westlawn Cemetery, Littleton at 2:15 prior to the Service. Please omit flowers, contributions in her name made be made to T.H.E. Farm at Tewksbury State Hospital, P.O., Box 754, Tewksbury, MA 01876.

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