

Wednesday, March 17, 2004

Anita Leighton...Ayer seniors volunteer, formerly of Littleton, Lowell; 77

AYER — Anita (Julian) Leighton, a former longtime Littleton resident who was raised in Lowell and was an active volunteer in her town's seniors community, died unexpectedly Monday, March 15, at her home in Ayer. She was 77.

She was born in Westford on Jan. 19, 1927, daughter of the late Romeo and Bertha (Cote) Julian. She grew up in Lowell and attended Lowell schools. Prior to moving to Ayer, she lived in Littleton for 30 years.

For 15 years, Mrs. Leighton worked for Megowen Educator in Lowell.

She was a member of the Golden Age Club



in Ayer, volunteering for the past 10 years. She also volunteered for the Council on Aging for the past three years. She enjoyed playing bingo and was a member of the 45's Card Club.

She is survived by her former husband, Arnold Leighton Jr. of Litchfield, N.H.; two daughters, Robin Routhier and Debbie Hartke, both of Ayer; three sisters, Roma Costa of Santa Cruz, Calif., Monica Gagne of Dracut, and Denise Green of Orange City, Fla.; 12 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Leighton was also the mother of the late Arnold Leighton and Kevin Leighton, as well as the sister of the late Lionel Julian, Norman Julian and Adriane Logan.

LEIGHTON — Of Ayer, Anita (Julian) Leighton, suddenly, March 15. A Funeral Service will be held at the Badger Funeral Home, 44 E. Main Street, Ayer, on Saturday at 11 a.m. Visiting hours will be held Friday 7-9 p.m. Burial at Westlawn Cemetery, Littleton.