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Robert W. LaPierre... Littleton resident, Masonic leader in Lowell; 72

LITTLETON — Robert W. LaPierre, 72, a longtime Littleton resident who held many honors as a leader of Masonic organizations in Lowell, died yesterday, Feb. 8, at Emerson Hospital in Concord after a lengthy illness. He was the husband of Patricia (Johnson) LaPierre, who died in 2004.

He was born in Worcester on Dec. 28, 1933, a son of the late Ralph and Edna (Wright) LaPierre. He grew up in New Hampshire, and attended Appleton Academy in New Ipswich, N.H.

Mr. LaPierre served in the National Guard for a number of years.

He was married in 1956, where he lived in Greenville, N.H. It was there he was a machinist. He moved to Ann Arbor, Mich., and made his home in Littleton in 1961. Mr. LaPierre later owned and operated Merit Tool Co. He recently retired.

He was an active Mason since 1972. He was a past master of William Sewall Gardner Lodge in Lowell, worshipful master of the 32 Lodge of Instruction of Lowell, and the dis-



trict deputy grand master of the York Rite Bodies of Lowell. He was an affiliate member of officer of Tahattawan Mason Lodge of Littleton and the Thomas Talbot Lodge of Billerica. He was also a member of the Aleppo Temple A.A.O.N.M.S. since 1984.

Mr. LaPierre was a past thrice potent master Lowell Lodge of Perfection AASR. In September of 2002,

he was elevated to 33rd Degree Mason, an honor reserved only to those Masons who have performed exemplary service in both masonry and the community.

He was an avid fisherman and gardener.

He is survived by three daughters and their spouses, Robin Cuozzo of Chelmsford and her longtime companion, Bradford Honors, of Billerica, Kristen and Richard Herndon of Lawrenceville, Ga., and Tracey and Marek Cieslik of Pepperell; a sister, Janice V. Hartley of Greenville, N.H.; and six grandchildren, Scott Crowers of Katie, Texas, Mitchell and Alexandra Herndon, both living in Georgia, and Patrick, Nicholas and Rachel Cieslik, all of Pepperell.

LaPIERRE — Of Littleton, Robert W. LaPierre, Feb. 8. Funeral Services will be held at the Badger Funeral Home, 347 King St., Littleton on Saturday at 10 a.m. Visiting hours will be on Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. with a Masonic Service at 7 p.m. Burial at Westlawn Cemetery, Littleton. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in his memory to the Greater Lowell Masonic Learning Center, 79 Dutton Street, Lowell, Mass. 01852-1027.