

Arthur and Bernadette Ashness

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LITTLETON — Arthur and Bernadette (Poitras) Ashness of Matawan-
akee Trail, died Friday after the car
they were driving was involved in a
collision.

Arthur, 76, was born in Somer-
ville, Feb. 12, 1907, the son of the
late William and Pauline (Reisert)
Ashness, and had lived in this town
since 1957.

He was employed at the Raytheon
Corp. in Waltham for more than 25
years as a machinist, until he retired
in 1972.

Ashness served in the U.S. Army
during World War II, as a corporal.

Bernadette, 69, was born in
Danielson, Conn., Aug. 19, 1914, the
daughter of the late Joseph and Alice
(Gallichant) Poitras. She had made
her home in this town since 1957,
and had worked as an assembler for

Hyletronics of Littleton, until her
retirement in 1976.

The two were communicants of St.
Anne's parish.

They are survived by their
children, Mrs. Gary (Alice) Riley and
Mrs. John (Arlene) Howard, both of
Littleton, and William A. Ashness of
Austin, Texas; and eight grand-
children.

Arthur Ashness is also survived by
two half-sisters, Mrs. Anthony
(Flora) Gardina of Billerica and Mrs.
Andy (Lillian) Sonnett of Waltham.

Bernadette Ashness is also sur-
vived by her brother, Edgar, of
Danielson, Conn.

A funeral Mass was held for both
Tuesday at St. Anne's Church at 10
a.m.

Burial was in Westlawn Cemetery.

✓ d: Feb. 3, 1984