

# Arthur and Bernadette Ashness

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

Arthur, 76, was born in Somerville, 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 grandchildren.

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 survived 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.

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