



AYER -- Helen L. (Lawton) Priest, 94, formerly of Ayer, died Friday, March 20, 2015, at Apple Valley Center, Ayer.

She was predeceased by her husband, Houghton Priest in September 1972.

Mrs. Priest was born in Worcester, April 21, 1920, a daughter of Cyril and Archabelle (Dallachie) Lawton, and resided much of her life in the Ayer and West Groton area.

She was a member of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Ayer, as well as the Order of the Eastern Star. Many years ago, she was active in Ayer Girl Scout program.

She leaves three sons, David B. Priest of Pepperell, William H. Priest of East Harwich, John L. Priest of Matthews, VA; a brother, Richard G. Lawton of Orlando, FL; a sister, Janice Nairn of Melbourne Beach, Florida; four grandchildren, Sandra Abernathy, Jennifer Priest Insero, Daniel Priest, Carrie Bowers; and four great-grandchildren, Robyn Abernathy, Laura Abernathy, Benjamin Insero and Michael Insero.

PRIEST -- Funeral services will be held 11 am, Wednesday, March 25th at St. Andrew's Church, 7 Faulkner Street, Ayer. There are no calling hours. Burial will be in Westlawn Cemetery, Littleton. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Andrew's Church, 7 Faulkner Street, Ayer, MA 01432. The T.J. Anderson & Son Funeral Home, 25 Fitchburg Road, Ayer is assisting the family with arrangements.