

6/15/95 Arlene Ryan

M. Arlene (Parker) (Nichols) Ryan, 75, of Blair House, Tewksbury, formerly of Littleton died at her residence on June 11, 1995. She was born in Wayne, Maine on August 26, 1919, daughter of the late H. Ozro and Minnie (Wing) Parker. She was married first to the late Herbert Nichols, who died in 1970 and second to the late F. Edward Ryan, who died in 1983.

Mrs. Ryan spent her early life in Wayne, Maine and was a graduate of the Wayne school system. She then received an associates degree from Baypath College in Springfield in Business Administration. She married Mr. Nichols in 1940 where they lived in Colrain, Mass. and owned and operated W.W. Cary & Sons Cider Vinegar, which was a family owned business. She moved to Harvard in 1953 and to Littleton in 1961. Arlene became the Assistant Town Clerk of Littleton in 1964 and later became the Town Clerk and Town Accountant until her retirement in 1979. She had married Mr. Ryan in 1975 and moved to Florida for several years. Mr. Ryan died in 1983 and Arlene has since made her home in Florida and Tewksbury.

She was a 50-year member of the Order of Eastern Star and a former member of the Littleton Grange #420.

Mrs. Ryan is survived by two sons, Herbert E. Nichols of Leicester and Kenneth E. Nichols of Tewksbury; two daughters, Kathleen

E. Cox of Maryville, Tenn. and Rebecca J. Quinn of Littleton; two stepsons, George Ryan of Rumney, N.H. and William Ryan of Naples, Fla.; a stepdaughter, Nancy Hazel of Harvard; three brothers, Robert, Arlo and John Parker and a sister Gwendolyn Moore all of Maine; 17 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren.

A funeral service will be held at the Badger Funeral Home, Route 2A/100 Littleton on Thursday at 11 a.m. Visiting hours were Wednesday. Burial is at Westlawn Cemetery, Littleton.