

Gloria A. Williams **LOWELL SUN**
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... of Littleton, formerly of Concord; 75

LITTLETON — Gloria Augusta (Miller) Williams died Thursday, Nov. 12, at home after a struggle with Parkinson's disease. For 42 years, she was the wife of Judge David Balch Williams, retired from Ayer District Court, who died in December 1994.

She was born in Concord, on Nov. 1, 1923, a daughter of the late Charles R. and Lillian E. (Cargill) Miller of Carlisle. She was raised in Carlisle, and graduated from Concord High School in 1942. She went on to work at the Baird and Raytheon companies as a secretary, and was an active member of the Sorority in Concord.

She and her husband first lived in Concord. Mrs. Williams was an active member of the Legion Auxiliary, and was creator of the designation "Citizen of the Year," now a Concord tradition. In 1967, the Concord Elks named Mrs. Williams "Mother of the Year" for her efforts in making and sending care packages to soldiers from Concord and Carlisle fighting in Vietnam.

Mrs. Williams spent much of her married life in support of her husband's career. After raising her family, she cared for older relatives and traveled. The family had a second home in Rockport for many years and upon retirement, she wintered with her husband in Clearwater Beach, Fla.

An avid miniaturist, Mrs. Williams created shadow boxes depicting specific period rooms, including a school room given to the Children's room at Concord Library. The balance of the period rooms are part of a collection at the Wenham Museum. She spent years researching and compiling the histories of the Miller and Cargill families. Mrs. Williams was an avid reader of biographies, with Abraham Lincoln being her favorite. She enjoyed going to Concord Library.

Until illness caused a move to Littleton, Judge and Mrs. Williams were the most senior residents at Concord Greene. She participated in the writing of the history of Concord Greene for its 15th anniversary.

Survivors include a daughter, Deborah of Littleton; a son, Gregory of Las Vegas; a sister,

Susan D. (Miller) Layman; a nephew, Clint, of East Providence, R.I.; an aunt, Irene Miller Hally of Rivercrest-Deaconess Home in Concord; a cousin, Barbara Broderick of Salem; her best friend, Alice Mara of Kittery, Maine; and her honorary grandchildren, Kimberly M.T. Beach of Littleton and Leah Anne Barker of Concord.

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