

Frances (Lena) Cannava

Longtime Littleton resident; 85

LITTLETON — Frances (Lena) Cannava, 85, of Goldsmith Street, Littleton died on Oct 12 at Emerson Hospital after a brief illness. She was born in Boston on November 22, 1923 daughter of the late Joseph and Theresa (Morganti) Lena. She grew up in Boston and was a graduate of St. Mary's High School in Cambridge in 1941. She worked for several years at the Charles-town Navy Shipyard in the financial office and later volunteered in the cafeteria at St. Mary's School in Ayer. She also worked for the IRS in Andover for many years. Frances was married to John Cannava in 1944 and has made her home in Littleton since 1950.

She an active member of St. Anne's Catholic Church where she was a founding member of the Sodality and volunteered at the Rectory Office. She was a member of the Emblem Club, a Girl Scout Troop Leader, a member of the Council on Aging and also worked at Alpha Omega House.

Frances was a caretaker and helped many people. She enjoyed crossword puzzles, her vegetable garden, and playing canasta. She was known for writing poems, loved old movies and the Red Sox.

Mrs. Cannava is survived by her husband John Cannava of Littleton, four daughters Diane F. Cannava of Hudson NH, Helen T. Cannava of Pensacola FL, Kathleen L. Cannava of Nashua NH. and Frances J. Cannava of Hudson NH. A brother Joseph Lena of Boston, a grandson John A Lowe and a great-granddaughter Alicia Diane Lowe. She was also the sister of the late Helen Palumbo and Concetta Saccone.

CANNAVA — Funeral from the Badger Funeral Home, 347 King St. Littleton on Friday at 9 A.M. with a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Anne's Church 75, King St. Littleton at 10 A.M. Visiting Hours Thursday from 3-5 P.M. and 6-8 P.M. Burial at Westlawn Cemetery, Littleton. In lieu of flowers contributions may be in her memory to the Frances L. Cannava Scholarship, Littleton Scholarship Trust Fund, C/O John Boroski, 7 Brant Lane, Littleton, MA 01460 see www.badgerfuneral.com