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Agnes E. Durkee

Devoted Wife, Mother and Grandmother, 89

Littleton — Agnes E. (Butler) Durkee, 89 of Briny Breezes, FL and Littleton died following a stroke at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston on October 8. She was born on April 5, 1918 daughter of the late Horace and Mary Katherine (Bannon) Butler. She was the beloved and cherished wife of Sidney P. Durkee with whom she celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary. She grew up in West Acton and was a graduate of Acton High School, Class of 1936. Agnes worked at Waltham Watch and the Electric Boat Company in New London, Connecticut as a welder's assistant during World War II.

Agnes and her husband first made their home in West Acton, then North Acton before settling in Littleton in 1945. Agnes' primary focus was caring for her family as she spent her time as a homemaker and mother. She loved sewing, cooking, and being with her children and grandchildren. She and her husband wintered in Florida since 1973. She was a communicant of St. Anne's Church in Littleton, where she was a member of St. Anne's Sodality. She also attended St. Mark's Church in Boynton Beach, FL.

Mrs. Durkee is survived by her husband Sidney P. Durkee of Littleton and Briny Breezes, FL., Her daughters and their husbands, Sheila W. and Richard R. Smith of Ayer and Naples, FL, and Cynthia and her husband Kevin M. Kern of Littleton, and a son Peter B. Durkee and his wife Brenda (Martens) Durkee of Ashburnham. 6 Grandchildren, Linda Smith Johnson and her husband Andrew Johnson of Cazenovia, NY. Cheryl Smith Post and her husband Bradley Post of Ho-Ho-Kus, NJ, Elisabeth Durkee Aker of Ashburnham, John Sidney Durkee of Fitchburg, Jacqueline Kern and Bradford Kern both of Littleton, and 6 Great Grandchildren.

DURKEE — Agnes E. (Butler). Funeral from the Badger Funeral Home. 347 King St. Littleton on Thursday at 9:30 a.m. with a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Anne's Catholic Church, Littleton at 10:30 a.m.. Visiting Hours Wednesday 4-8 p.m., Burial at Westlawn Cemetery. For those who wish Memorial Contributions may be made in her memory to The American Heart Assn, 20 Speen St. Framingham, MA. see www.badgerfuneral.com