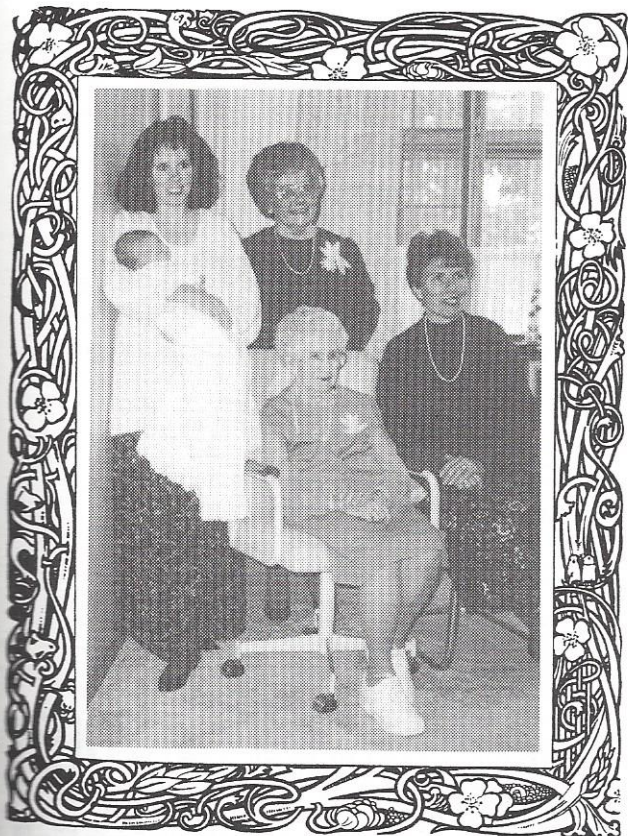




5 generation taken 2 years ago. Blanche Hamel Kirouac (00920) - sitting Collette Wood with baby Bridgitte, Laurette Kirouac Pelletier, Barbara Bachand.

Blanche M. Kirouac, retired from H-W

Blanche M. (Hamel) Kirouac, 93, a resident of Baldwinville Nursing Home and formerly of 116 Church St., died Tuesday morning in Heywood Hospital after a brief illness. Her husband, Albert J. Kirouac, died April 30, 1960.

She was born Aug. 29, 1903, in Gardner, son of John and Eveline (Peloquin) Hamel, and was a lifelong resident.

She worked at the former Waltham Watch Factory and at Conant Ball and was later a stitcher at the former Heywood-Wakefield Co., retiring over 40 years ago. She also worked at the former Hollywood Restaurant.

Mrs. Kirouac was a communicant of Holy Rosary Church and a member of its Ste. Anne Sodality. She was also a member of the Gardner Golden Agers and enjoyed sewing, crocheting, reading and activities with the other residents at the nursing home.

She leaves a daughter, Laurette B. Pelletier of Gardner; a brother, Lucien Hamel of Gardner; a sister, Rachel Grioux of Chapachet, R.I., eight grandchildren, nine great grandchildren and a great great grandchild. She was predeceased by two sons, Earnest Kirouac of Gardner and Tech Sgt. Emile Kirouac, USAF, of Worcester, and a daughter, Alice Hawkins of Gardner.

The funeral will be held Friday from the Lamoureux Funeral Home, with a funeral Mass at 9:30 a.m. in Holy Rosary Church. Burial will be in Notre Dame Cemetery.

Calling hours at the funeral home are from 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Baldwinville Nursing Home Activities Fund, Hospital Road, Baldwinville, 01436.