

From the Thursday, September 16, 2010 edition of the Northampton (MA) Daily Hampshire Gazette:

Fernande Kirouac, endured World War II in France

WILLIAMSBURG, Va. - Fernande J. "Fern" (Lahutte) Kirouac, 87, of 121 Fyfe Court, and formerly of Northampton, passed away Monday, Sept. 13, 2010, in Williamsburg, Va. Born in Pas-de-Calais, France, on April 23, 1923, she was the daughter of the late Henri and Marie-Ange (Decoin) Lahutte. She was educated in France and resided there through the occupation of France during World War II. She and her husband immigrated in 1948 to Northampton, where she later became a U.S. citizen. She and her husband moved to Williamsburg in 1998 to be with their son and his wife. Fernande worked in food service at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst for several years. She survived cancer in 1971 and 1977 and later shared her experiences with other cancer patients offering hope and encouragement. Fernande was a longtime communicant of Sacred Heart Church in Northampton where she is a life member of the Ladies of St. Ann. She was devoted to St. Jude, who helped her overcome many challenges, including cancer. Fernande is survived by her husband, Rene Kirouac; her son, John Kirouac and his wife Helen and several nieces and nephews. Fernande's funeral will be Saturday morning, Sept. 18, at 9 a.m. from the Ahearn Funeral Home, 783 Bridge Rd., Northampton, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish (formerly Sacred Heart Church), King St., Northampton at 10 a.m. Burial will follow in St. Mary's Cemetery. Calling hours are Friday from 4 to 7 p.m.

From Le Tresor #102, page 33:

LAHUTTE KIROUAC FERNANDE (1923-2010) Fernande Kirouac, nee Lahutte, aged 87, passed away 13 September 2010, in Williamsburg, Virginia, USA. Born in Pas-de-Calais, France, on 23 April 1923, she was the daughter of the late Henri and Marie-Ange (nee Decoin) Lahutte. She was educated in France and resided there through the occupation during World War II. In 1948, she and her husband, Rene Kirouac (GFK 00399) immigrated to Northampton, where she later became a U.S. citizen. They moved to Williamsburg in 1998 to be with their son and his wife. Fernande worked in food service at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst for several years. She survived cancer in 1971 and 1977 and later shared her experiences with other cancer patients offering hope and encouragement. Fernande was a life member of the Ladies of St. Ann and a communicant of Sacred Heart Church in Northampton. She was devoted to St. Jude who helped her overcome many challenges, including cancer. Fernande is survived by her husband, Rene Kirouac; her son, John Kirouac and his wife Helen and several nieces and nephews. Funeral was on 18 September in St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish (formerly Sacred Heart Church), in Northampton followed by burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.