

Janet L. (Vanasse) Blanchette

August 29, 2008



JANET L. (VANASSE) BLANCHETTE – in Woburn, August 29th. Beloved wife of the late John R. Blanchette. Devoted mother of Karen Gray and her husband Wayne and John A. “Jack” Blanchette, all of Woburn, James R. Blanchette and his wife Sandra of Pelham, NH, Kathleen Blanchette of Lowell, and mother-in-law of Marianne and her husband Kevin of Woburn. Dear sister of Robert Vanasse and his wife Helen of Overland Park, Kansas. Loving grandmother of Matthew and his wife Jenn, Christopher, James, Joanna, Rachel, John-Ryan, Kyle, and Christine, and great-grandmother of Kailey and Annabel. Funeral from the Lynch-Cantillon Funeral Home, 263 Main Street, Woburn, on Tuesday, September 2nd at 10:45 a.m. Funeral mass in St. Anthony Church, 851 Main Street, Woburn, at 11:30. Calling hours Monday from 5 to 8 p.m. Interment in Woodbrook Cemetery, Woburn. Donations may be made in Janet’s memory to VNA Middlesex East, 607 North Avenue, Suite 17, Wakefield, MA 01880, or to the Boys and Girls Club of Woburn, Charles Gardner Lane, Woburn, MA 01801.

OBITUARY:

Janet L. Blanchette, a longtime resident of Woburn’s Central Square area, passed away peacefully at her home early Friday, August 29th, surrounded by her family. The wife of the late John R. Blanchette, who died in 1998, she was seventy-eight years of age.

Born in Lawrence, daughter of the late Andrew and Marion (Walker) Blanchette, she was raised and educated in Medford. Following her marriage in 1954, she and her husband took up residence in Woburn, where they raised their four children. Janet worked for Time Electronics for sixteen years, and more recently was employed by Stop and Shop in Winchester. She worked there for eleven years until ill health forced her to retire a year ago, but had truly enjoyed the daily interaction with customers at Stop and Shop.

Janet’s home, built in 1790, was her pride and joy. She loved working in the garden and displaying pictures of the house in its original state. She was devoted to her family and often took trips with her grandchildren to visit her brother in Kansas as well as to the Caribbean. The Lions Halloween Parade was an event at her home where she loved to entertain her family and her many lifelong friends.

Janet is survived by four children: Karen Gray and her husband Wayne and John A. “Jack” Blanchette, all of Woburn, James R. Blanchette and his wife Sandra of Pelham, NH, Kathleen Blanchette of Lowell, and her daughter-in-law Marianne and her husband Kevin of Woburn. She was also the dear sister of Robert Vanasse

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