Yvette Desmarais, 91

KINGSTON, MA — Yvette (Pruneau) Desmarais, 91, a lifelong New Bedford resident passed away Saturday, July 14, 2012, at Silver Lake of Kingston. She was the wife of the late Conrad O. Desmarais whom she married in 1947.

Born in New Bedford, the daughter of the late Hector and Flora (Gravel) Pruneau, Yvette was a graduate of Bryant School of Business and studied Commercial Art at the Swain School of Design in New Bedford. She later received her Bachelor Degree in English from the University of Massachusetts in Dartmouth.

She started her career at the Cornell Dubilier where she worked as an executive secretary. She then taught English and Art over a 35 year career at St. Anne's Elementary School in the south end of New Bedford and later at St. Anthony's Elementary School.

Yvette was an avid artist and was involved in the New Bedford Symphony, a member of the Fort Taber Historical Association and a docent at the New Bedford Whaling Museum. Mrs. Desmarais was an active member of the former St. Anne's Parish as a weekly reader and where she was known for her hand sewn liturgical banners that graced the walls.
She is survived by her three children, Paul Desmarais of Toledo, OH, Guy Desmarais of Clinton, MI and Janine Chuckran of Kingston, MA; also six grandchildren, Paul, Marc, Edward, Anna, Tricia and Jasmin.

In accordance with her wishes she was cremated and a graveside service will be held Monday, July 30, 2012, at 9:00 AM at the Massachusetts National Cemetery in Bourne. A Memorial Mass will be held Saturday, August 11, 2012, at 5:00 PM in St. Joseph's Church in Kingston, MA.

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