



## Loretta Matthews

June 28, 1917 - April 9, 2006

Mrs. Loretta (Bezzie) Matthews, 88, of 123 Commercial St. Adams, died Sunday evening, April 9, 2006, at Williamstown Commons.

She was born in North Adams on June 28, 1917, a daughter of the late Frank and Elizabeth (Raposki) Bezzie. She attended North Adams schools, and also completed several college business courses. She had resided in North Adams and Clarksburg until moving to Adams in 1957.

Mrs. Matthews served with the US Army Women's Auxiliary Corps in Florida during World War II.

Mrs. Matthews worked as a automatic screw machine inspector at General electric Co. in Pittsfield before the war. Following her honorable discharge, she returned to work at in several departments at Sprague Electric Co. in North Adams, retiring from their research center in 1984. While at Sprague, she received recognition for her efforts in meeting wartime production goals.

Of Russian and Polish descent, she enjoyed cooking ethnic foods and was an avid gardener. She enjoyed playing cards and writing in her journals. She particularly enjoyed singing songs and writing poetry in Polish. She was fond of animals, and owned several cats and dogs throughout her life.

Her husband, William R. Matthews, whom she married on June 20, 1947, died on February 17, 2001.

She is survived by 1 daughter - Michelle Wellspeak, of Adams;

1 Son - Michael Matthews of Adams;

4 Grandchildren - Sheila Wellspeak, Tiffany Mize, Ryan Matthews and Christopher Matthews, all of Adams;

2 Step-grandchildren - Bobbi Jo Tassone and Billy Newlands, both of Adams, and several nieces & nephews.

She was predeceased by six sisters - Helen, Marsha, Lillian, Elizabeth, Annie and Marian and by 2 brothers, Thomas and Frank.

Funeral services and burial will be private. There are no calling hours.

Memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association through the AUGEPACIOREK-SIMMONS Funeral Home, 13 Hoosac St. Adams, MA 01220, which is in

charge of arrangements.