



Martha E. Blanchard

September 1, 1916 - January 26, 2006

Mrs. Martha (Koch) Blanchard, 89, of 23 Gilead St. Adams, died Thursday afternoon, January 26, 2006, at North Adams Regional Hospital.

She was born in Adams on September 1, 1916, a daughter of the late Fritz and Elfrieda (Kleiner) Koch. She attended Adams schools, and was the Salutatorian of the Class of 1933 at the former Adams High School.

Mrs. Blanchard last worked in the payroll department of Pfizer, Inc. in Adams for 25 years, until retiring in 1981. Earlier, she worked at Adams Cooperative Bank, Reeves & Stojda Insurance and the former First National Bank of Adams.

She was a member of Franklin Chapter 92 Order of the Eastern Star. She enjoyed arts and crafts, and especially spending time with her family.

Her husband, Harvey G. Blanchard, whom she married on May 17, 1939, died on January 20, 1960.

She is survived by 1 son - Harvey A. "Butch" Blanchard and his wife, Darlene, of Adams;

1 Sister - Clare Therrien of Brandenton, Florida;

4 Grandsons- Richard Blanchard, currently serving in Iraq with the Massachusetts Army National Guard, and his wife, Donna, of Adams; Steven Blanchard and his wife, Heather; Scott Blanchard, and William Blanchard and his wife, Laura, all of Adams;

6 Great grandchildren - Nathan, Dustin, Megan, Jacob, Zebulun, and Seth Blanchard;

2 Step Grandsons- Richard M. Kleiner of Adams; and Stephen G. Kleiner of Washington, D.C.; and several nieces, nephews, grandnieces & grandnephews.

She was predeceased by a grandson, Brian Blanchard, and by 2 brothers, Fritz and Alfred Koch.

The funeral will be held on Monday, January 30th, at 12 Noon from the AUGEPACIOREK-SIMMONS Funeral Home, 13 Hoosac St. Adams, followed by the Burial Office at 1:00 PM in St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Adams.

The Rev. Edward King, Rector of St. John's Episcopal Church, North Adams, will officiate.

Burial will follow in Bellevue Cemetery, Adams.

Calling hours are Sunday from 4 to 7 PM at the funeral home.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association through the funeral home.