

Melba Nelson

Melba (Sawtell) Nelson, 72 of Littleton, died at Deaconess Nashoba Hospital on Sunday, April 27 after a lengthy illness.

She was born in Hardwick, Vt. on June 21, 1924, daughter of the late Maurice and Mildred Sawtell. She spent her early life in Hardwick and was a graduate of Hardwick High School. In her younger life, she worked as a secretary for MIT and Arthur D. Little Co.

Mrs. Nelson has made her home in Littleton for the past 42 years and had also worked at the Olde Oaken Bucket as a waitress for several years. She was a member of the Littleton Baptist Church and was a Friend of the Reuben Hoar Library.

Mrs. Nelson is survived by her husband of 47 years, Thomas G. Nelson of Littleton; a son, Michael R. Nelson of Fairfax, Va.; three daughters, Patricia Nelson Wolf of Ayer, Susan M. Nelson of Marlboro, N.H., and Mary B. Burbine of Littleton. She is also survived by seven grandchildren.

A memorial service was held on Tuesday, April 27 at the Badger Funeral Home in Littleton. Cremation was at Linwood Crematory, Haverhill.