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## Rita M. Montanari

*longtime Littleton resident, AT&T worker; 79*

LITTLETON — Rita M. Montanari, 79, a longtime resident of Littleton, died on Friday, July 6, 2007.

She was the wife of the late Henry J. Montanari.

She was born in Somerville, on July 8, 1927, she was the daughter of the late Joseph and Lucy (Pucciarella) Rizzo. Rita was educated in Somerville, and graduated from Somerville High School.

Rita married and they moved to Littleton where she lived for 52 years.

Mrs. Montanari was employed as a telephone operator at AT&T for

more than 10 years, and was a secretary at Digital Equipment Corp.

Mrs. Montanari was a communicant of St. Anne Catholic Church in Littleton, and a member of the Red Hat Society, and The Single Life (TSL). She volunteered her time at the Nashoba Hospital, and raised her family.

In her leisure time, she was avid at crossword puzzles. She also enjoyed crocheting, sewing, reading, swimming, camping, seafood, Cape Cod, and traveling. The highlight of her senior years was the memorable Mediterranean cruise she took her family on in 2005.

Members of her family include three sons and a daughter-in-law; Henry J. and Karen of Groton, Mark J. of Littleton, and Dennis G. of Douglas; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Marie and Joseph Rausa of Littleton, and Dolly and Joseph Finneran of Ohio; and five grandchildren, Heidi Montanari, Krista Montanari, Joseph Montanari, Andrea Montanari, and Michael Montanari; as well as many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She was predeceased by her brother, Joseph Rizzo of Medford.

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