

2/28/95 E. Ruth McCarthy

Worked as bookkeeper

E. Ruth McCarthy, a retired bookkeeper for Chelsea wallpaper manufacturer Thomas Strahan and Company, died Tuesday, Feb. 28, 1995 at St. Patrick's Nursing Home in Framingham. She was 85.

Mrs. McCarthy was born in Everett and lived there until 1962 when she moved to Melrose where she lived until she and her husband, George Earle McCarthy, retired to Littleton in 1974. She has been a resident of St. Patrick's since 1992.

Mrs. McCarthy began her career at the age of 18 when she became the bookkeeper for the Ideal Laundry in Chelsea. She worked for Thomas Strahan & Company from 1953 to 1974.

During her years in Everett, Mrs. McCarthy was a member of the Ladies Sodality of Our Lady of Grace Church and a Camp Fire Girls

leader. She was also a past president of the Nichols School Parent Teachers Association.

In Littleton she was an active member of St. Anne's Church where she served as a Eucharistic Minister and a teacher of Christian Doctrine. She was also a member of the Ladies Sodality and the choir at St. Anne's.

Mrs. McCarthy leaves two sons, Bruce M. of Acton and George A. of Tewksbury; three daughters, Sr. Joan R. McCarthy of Flushing, N.H., Audrey M. Hirschkop of Wayland and Susan M. Lachance of Tewksbury; and ten grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was held Saturday, March 4, at St. Anne's Catholic Church in Littleton. Burial was at Westlawn Cemetery in Littleton.

Badger Funeral Home prepared the arrangements.