

# Aina Vilcans

LITTLETON – Aina (Pauls) Vilcans, 88, a resident of Littleton for 41 years, died at Nashoba Valley Medical Center in Ayer on January 29, 2012.

She was born in Ergli, Latvia on April 12, 1923. In 1933, her parents moved to a small town named Sigulda, where she finished high school. After she graduated, she left home to attend Nursing school in Riga, Latvia.

In 1940, she left Latvia when Russian troops invaded her home. While escaping the occupying forces, she met her future husband Janis and they both made plans to immigrate to Canada. Because of her training as a nurse, she was approved for immigration. She arrived in Kingston Ontario and eventually became the head nurse at Kingston General Hospital. Aina married Janis at St. Mary's Cathedral in Kingston, Ontario.

They moved to Toronto where she worked as the night supervisor of Beth Israel Hospital. In 1959, they then immigrated to the United States. Aina worked at St. John's Hospital in Lowell, where she



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stayed for more than 30 years.

In 1960, they bought their first home in Chelmsford. In 1971, they moved to Littleton where

they stayed for the rest of their lives. Aina was a lifelong nurse and a member of St. Annes' Church in Littleton.

She is survived by her sons, Paul and his wife Christine Vilcans of Carlisle, MA, and Peter and his wife Diane Vilcans of Littleton and 3 grandchildren: Michael, Megan and Kristen Vilcans. Her Husband Janis Vilcans died in 2002.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Anne's Church, 75 King Street Littleton on Saturday, Feb 4 at 10 am. Visiting Hours were held at Badger Funeral Home, 347 King St. Littleton on Friday 2-4 and 6-8 pm. Burial was at Westlawn Cemetery, Littleton.

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