

Rene D. Messier

March 1, 1920 – Nov. 1, 1999

PUTNAM — Rene D. Messier, 79, of 67 Perry St., formerly of Wauregan, died on Monday at the University of Massachusetts Medical Center in Worcester, Mass.

He was born in Wauregan March 1, 1920, a son of the late Arthur and Malvina (Pope) Messier.

Mr. Messier was educated in Worcester and Hartford.

He was employed for many years in the hospital purchasing field, having worked in Holyoke Hospital, Holyoke, Mass., and at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield, Mass., from which he retired in 1985.

Upon retirement, Mr. Messier resumed avid membership in his childhood parish, Sacred Heart of Jesus, in Wauregan. He joined the senior adult choir and participated in the parish's centennial celebration in 1989 as a choir member and historiographer. In his retirement, Mr. Messier sang at all of the funerals held at Sacred Heart Church. He also was an avid reader of history.

He is survived by three sisters, Beatrice Messier of Putnam, with whom he made his home, Lillian Bisson of Danielson and Lauretta Desilets of East Killingly; and several nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by two brothers, Armand Messier and Emile Messier.

Funeral from the Gagnon-Costello Funeral Home, 33 Reynolds St., Danielson on Friday at 10 a.m., followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11 a.m. at Sa-

cred Heart Church, Wauregan. Burial following in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Wauregan. Calling hours are Thursday, 2-4 and 7-9 p.m.