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## Lt. Col. Dorothy Roche Botvidson

April 29, 1912 - November 01, 2003

Lt. Col. Dorothy (Roche) Botvidson, USAF, (Ret.) 91, of Concord died Saturday, November 1, 2003 at Rivercrest Nursing Home in Concord. She was the wife of the late Charles C. Botvidson who died in 1970.

Born in Ayer on April 29, 1912 she was the daughter of the late Francis B. and Katherine (Hubbard) Roche. She attended Acton public schools and graduated from Acton High School in 1930. In 1933, she graduated from Mt. Auburn Hospital School of Nursing and later was employed as a Registered Nurse Supervisor in the operating room of Wyman House at Mt. Auburn Hospital in Cambridge.

During World War II, Lt. Col. Botvidson served as a Flight Nurse in the Air Corps. While stationed at Randolph Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas she attended Flight Nursing School.

She separated from the service in 1945 and was recalled in 1951 in the Air Force during the Korean Conflict. She served in Japan, Korea, France and Italy before retiring in 1967 as Chief Nurse at Williams Air Force Base in Arizona.

She was a resident of Mesa, Arizona from 1967 until 1991 before moving to Fort Worth, Texas.

In 1993, she became a resident of Concord. She was a member of the Society of Retired Air Force Nurses, Inc and the Aviano Association, Inc.

Survivors include several nieces and nephews including Virginia Lee Landini of Concord. She was the sister of the late Francis Roche, Leo Roche and William Roche, all formerly of Florida and Virginia Newton, formerly of Acton and several great nieces and great nephews.

Concord's town flag will be at halfstaff on Tuesday in recognition of Lt. Col. Botvidson's service to her country during WW II and the Korean Conflict.

Interment will be in the family burial plot in Geenwood-Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Ft. Worth, Texas.