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ABILIO de OLIVEIRA
AGUAS

FALL RIVER — Abilio de Oliveira Aguas, a former Portuguese consul in Providence, R.I. and import-export dealer in New York City, died Thursday at Charlton Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness. He was 91 and the widower of the former Maria Elizabeth Delabarre.

A resident of Hanson for five years before his death, he had lived in Berkley for 25 years before that.

Aguas, a native of Figueira da Foz, Portugal, was educated in his hometown, at the Liceu do Carmo school in Lisbon and at Clift College of Business Administration in England.

In 1922, he was appointed consul of Portugal in Providence. While holding office and afterward, he worked at aiding Luso-Americans, using connections in Portugal and Brazil. In 1957, the Brazilian government awarded him the Order of the Southern Cross in appreciation of his frequent lectures throughout the United States and work in bettering relations between the two countries.

In 1962, he became president of the Committee Pro-Democracy in Portugal, which was based in New York City. Through his efforts the United Nations opened doors to a member of the Portuguese opposition.

More recently, he was given the man of the year award from his hometown of Figueira da Foz, and in 1960 got the Order of Liberty award from the Portugal government.

While younger, he had served his government as authorized agent in Zambesia.

Aguas is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Antonia Leverone of Hanson and Joan Vanderlaan of Norton, 10 grandchildren and six great grandchildren.