

# Mrs. Aguiar, 87, dies at Morton

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Maria S. (Cordeiro) Aguiar, proprietor of the former White Front Market, 60 Winter St., died this morning at Morton Hospital following a long illness. She was 87.

Mrs. Aguiar, who resided at 287 Washington St. with her husband, Joseph Aguiar, owned and operated the White Front for over 35 years before retiring in 1977.

Known throughout "The Village" as "Mary at the White Front Market," she sold penny candy to two generations of neighborhood children.

Mary and her market were so popular, children spent many an hour playing ball and hanging around the wide cement front steps of her store during long, hot and humid summer months.

They'd run in from time to time to buy an ice-cold bottle of Coca-Cola kept in a water and ice filled Coke cooler and, of course, some penny candy.

Born in St. Michael, Azores, she was a daughter of the late Antone and Maria

Ramona (Viera) Cordeiro. Mrs. Aguiar came to this country in 1905.

A communicant of St. Anthony's Church, she was a member of the church's Holy Rosary Sodality. She was also a member of the Independent Grocers' Association, Taunton.

In addition to her husband, she leaves a son, Edmund Rebello of Taunton; two brothers, Manuel Cordeiro and James Cordeiro both of Taunton; six sisters, Mrs. Antone (Palmira) Silveira, Mrs. Frank (Glorianna) Aguiar, Mrs. Peter (Mary P.) Silva, all of Taunton, Mrs. Thomas (Ethel) Avylla, Mrs. Peter (Evelyn) Ambrose, both of New Bedford and Mrs. Edward (Eleanor) Torres of North Dighton; and several nieces and nephews.