

JAMES A. CERCE

James A. Cerce, 29, of 78 Sanford Rd., Berkley, who was shot to death early yesterday morning, had a son and was employed as a welder.

The Berkley man was shot once in the head. Police later arrested Gregory Rodrigues, 29, of 3114 Millers Lane, Dighton, and charged him with murder.

The victim was born in Fall River, son of James R. and Ruty (Rebello) Cerce of Dighton, and had lived in Berkley for two years. He also had made his residence in Assonet, Somerset, Rehoboth, and Dighton.

He served for four years in the Seabees and was employed as a welder for six years. He last was employed with the Director Shipyards in Middletown, R. I.

He was a communicant of St. Peter's Church in Dighton.

In addition to his parents, he leaves a son, Christopher Cerce of Berkley; four sisters, Mrs. Alan (Debra) Carvalho and Mrs. David (Jody) Souza, both of Fall River, Mrs. Roger (Laurie) St. Laurent of Dighton, and Mrs. William (Linda) Westgate of Taunton; one nephew; and two nieces. 7/8/86

JOSEPH DeCOSTA JR. T.G.

NORTH ATTLEBORO — Joseph R. DeCosta Jr., 83, of 22 South Washington St., North Attleboro, died suddenly at his home Sunday evening. He was the husband of the late Amelia (Mathias) DeCosta.

Son of the late Joseph R. and Mary (DeRosa) DeCosta, he was born in Taunton and formerly resided on Whittenton Street, until moving to North Attleboro three years ago.

He was employed for many years as a moulder for the former Presbrey Refractories in Taunton.

He is survived by one son, Edward F. DeCosta of Plainville; three brothers, Frank DeCosta, Edward DeCosta, and Arthur DeCosta, all of California; two sisters, Elvina DeCosta and Gertrude Nash, both of Troy, N.Y.; one grandson, Phillip DeCosta of Attleboro; and one granddaughter, Cheryl Dyer of Attleboro.

JOSEPH S. PACHECO

Joseph S. Pacheco, 55, of 525 School St., North Dighton and formerly of Winthrop Street, Taunton, died Saturday night at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston after a short illness. He was the husband of Mary Pacheco.

Self-employed as a plumber and pipe-fitter, he was a communicant of Our Lady of Lourdes Church and a member of the Italian Naturalization Club.

He was born in Santa Maria, Azores, son of the late Manuel and Anna (Sousa) Pacheco. He came to the United States in 1953 and lived in Taunton until last October.

Besides his widow, he leaves a son, George S. Pacheco of Taunton; a daughter, Ann Marie Pacheco of North Dighton; a brother, Manuel Pacheco of San Leandro, Calif.; two sisters, Mary Jose Mello and Connie Pacheco, both of Taunton; one grandson; and several nephews and nieces.

HILDA BARBOZA

Hilda (Medeiros-Quintal) Barboza of 227 Stevens Rd., Swansea, retired proprietor of the former East Swansea Package Store, died Tuesday at Charlton Memorial Hospital. Widow of Augustine ("Gus") J. Barboza, she was 73.

She was a member of St. John of God Church in Somerset.

Born in Fall River, she was the daughter of the late Mariano Medeiros and Georgiana (Rapoza) Quintal. She spent most of her life in Swansea.

She leaves two sons, Robert Barboza of Dighton and Gerald Barboza of Swansea; a daughter, Mrs. Terrence (Mary) Kappes of Swansea; nine grandchildren; two great-granddaughters; a nephew; and a niece.

MARIA AMARAL

Maria Jose (Botelho) Amaral, 95, of 29 East Walnut St. died suddenly Thursday at her home. She was the widow of Manuel Amaral Jr.

A resident of Taunton since 1970, she was a communicant of St. Anthony's Church.

She was born in Nordeste, St. Michael, Azores, daughter of the late Manuel Raposo Luis and Rosa (DeJesus) Botelho.

Survivors include a son, Alvaro B. Amaral of Taunton; three daughters, Mrs. Izidoro (Maria Jose) Serodio, Mrs. Maria Do Carmo Duarte, and Mrs. Hilda B. Lopes, all of Taunton; nine grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren.

JOSE FELIPE

Jose S. Felipe, 57, of 23 Highland St. and formerly of Wilbur Street and of California, died Thursday at Morton Hospital after a long illness. He was the husband of Louise Maria (Martins DaSilva) Felipe.

A Taunton resident since 1983, he was formerly a janitor at the Lawrence Livermore Laboratory in Livermore, Calif.

He was a former communicant of St. Anthony's Church.

Son of Catarina Augusta (Conceicao) Felipe and the late Manuel Felipe, he was born in Fayal, Azores, and came to this country 30 years ago.

Surviving, in addition to his widow and mother, are a son, Frank M. Felipe of Oakley, Calif.; a daughter, Ana Maria Felipe of Oakley; a brother, Manuel Felipe of Taunton; five sisters, Maria Amorim of Fayal, and Mrs. Alonso (Maria Seraphina) Miguel, Mrs. Jose (Maria Jose) Moitoso, Mrs. Mateus (Maria Valentina) Freitas, and Mrs. Antonio (Maria Zelia) Branco, all of Taunton; and several nephews and nieces.

MARIA MENDONCA

Maria A. (Rebello) Mendonca, 68, of 19 Madison St. died Thursday at Morton Hospital, following a short illness. She was the widow of Agostinho Melo Mendonca.

She was a stitcher at Robertston Curtain Factory for nine years, until her retirement in 1975.

She was a communicant of St. Anthony's Church.

Daughter of the late Jose and Rosa (Vicente) Rebello, she was born in St. Michael, Azores, and came to the United States in 1966.

Survivors include one son, Joseph Costa of Taunton; two daughters, Mrs. Manuel (Maria Rosa) Pimental of Taunton and Mrs. Pedro (Maria Evalina) Franco of Toronto, Canada; 11 grandchildren; and several nephews and nieces.