

15 Aug 1983 ST

Harold Bates, 80, former Acushnet school official

FAIRHAVEN — Harold Bates, 80, a former Acushnet School Committee chairman, died yesterday after a brief illness. Mr. Bates of 334 Main St., was the husband of Helen (Stenson) Bates and the son of the late Albert and Elizabeth (Lyons) Bates.

He died at St. Luke's Hospital in New Bedford.

He was born in New Bedford and lived in the area most of his life. He had lived in Fairhaven for eight years. He was communicant of St. Francis Xavier Church in Acushnet and was employed by Hemingway Transport as parts room manager until retiring in 1965.

Mr. Bates was a member of the Teamsters, Local 59 and was a member of the Acushnet School Committee for 12 years. He served four terms in the late 1950s and early '60s.

Survivors include his widow; a son, Thomas A. of Granda Hills, Calif.; a daughter, Albert of Fairhaven; two sisters, Hilda Hotte and Alice Bates, both of New Bedford; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Arrangements are by the Saunders Funeral Home, 495 Park St., New Bedford.