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Obituaries

Judge Bento, 81, long-time Wareham community leader

ONSET — Services for Judge James J. Bento, a Wareham civic leader, will be held Wednesday at 2 in St. Mark's Church.

Bento, 81, of South Yarmouth, died Saturday in Cape Cod Hospital, Hyannis, after a lengthy illness.

From 1962 to 1973, he served as a justice in Wareham District Court.

Born in Harwich, he was a 1917 graduate of Harwich High and a 1922 graduate of Boston University Law School. He lived in Wareham for many years and served that town as a selectman, school committeeman, assessor and on both the Finance Committee and Board of Public Welfare.

He also served as a president of the Kiwanis Club and the Portuguese-American Club, both in Wareham. Bento was a member of the Massachusetts Bar Association, Plymouth County Bar Association, Toby Hospital Board of Directors and the Massachusetts Selectmen's Association.

He leaves his wife, Flora S. (Baker); a daughter, Mrs. Rita Fries of West Yarmouth; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Burial will be in Center Cemetery, Wareham.

Arrangements by the Cornwell Funeral Home, Wareham.