

Joseph M. Brandao

NEW BEDFORD — Joseph M. Brandao, 80, of 98 Park St. died Monday after a long illness. He was the husband of Gloria (Bettencourt) Brandao.

He died at St. Luke's Hospital.

He was born in St. Michael, Azores, and lived in New Bedford most of his life. He was a communicant of St. John the Baptist Church.

He had worked at American Kerr Thread Co. in Fall River and the Grim Grip Machine Co. He also worked as a custodian at Our Lady's Chapel, retiring in 1967.

Survivors include his widow; a daughter, Alice Athaide of New Bedford; two sisters, Mary Augiar and Eugenia Pinareta, both of the Azores; two granddaughters; and two great-grandchildren.

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

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