

Charles Fonseca

NEW BEDFORD — Charles Fonseca, 69, of 141 Filmore St., died Thursday at St. Luke's Hospital after a brief illness. He was the husband of the late Emily Perry.

Born in New Bedford, he lived here all his life. He was a communicant of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception Church.

He was formerly employed by New Era Gear Works as a machinist until his retirement.

Survivors include a brother, Manuel; two sisters, Sophie Botelho and Estelle Perry, all of New Bedford.

Arrangements are by the Baylies Square Funeral Home, 512 North Front St., New Bedford.

Mary B. Avila

DARTMOUTH — Private Funeral services were held yesterday for Mary B. (Sylvia) Avila, 82, of Eric Road, who died Thursday at Dartmouth House Nursing Home after a long illness. She was the widow of Joseph Avila.

She was born in South Dartmouth and lived in this area all her life and was a communicant of the Portuguese Baptist Church of Fall River.

Survivors include four brothers, Edward B. and Ventura B. Sylvia both of South Dartmouth, Joseph B. Sylvia of Fall River and Constantine B. Sylvia Jr. of Middleboro; five sisters, Annie Jacintho, Elvira Roque, Josephine Lacerda, and Emma Pereira, all of New Bedford, and Helen Bettencourt of South Dartmouth; a foster son, Victor Honeyman of Fall River; three stepsons, Isiah Avila of Fall River, William Avila of Georgia and Leo Francis of New York; a stepdaughter, Dorothy Wilson of Riverside, R.I.; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were made by the Perry Funeral Home, 111 Dartmouth St., New Bedford.

Irene DeCosta

NEW BEDFORD — Irene DeCosta, 67, formerly of 195 Rockland St., died Friday after a long illness.

She died at Kristen Beth Nursing Home.

She was a lifelong New Bedford resident and was a communicant of St. John the Baptist Church. She was a 1933 graduate of New Bedford High School.

Survivors include a nephew, Fred G. DeCosta of Sharon.

Arrangements are by the Perry Funeral Home, 111 Dartmouth St., New Bedford.

Maria Brites

NEW BEDFORD — Maria Brites, 67, of 87 Belleville Road, died recently while vacationing in Portugal.

Her funeral was held yesterday in Portugal with interment immediately following.

She was the widow of John Brites.

She was a communicant of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception Church and a member of the Holy Roller Society.

Survivors include two sons, Joseph Brites and Antone Brites of New Bedford and three daughters, Adelaide Fernandes of Acushnet, Arminda Botelho of Rhode Island and Juliet Ferreira of New Bedford.

Mary Carvalho

NEW BEDFORD — Mary (Motta) Carvalho, 61, of Union St., died yesterday after a long illness. She was the widow of Joseph M. Carvalho.

She died at St. Luke's Hospital.

She was a lifelong New Bedford resident and was a communicant of St. John the Baptist Church. She worked as an assembler at Aerovox Corp. until her retirement.

Survivors include a daughter, Carol Chase of New Bedford; five sisters, Hilda Lima, Elsie Pacheco, Celia Borges, Grace Ramos and Anna Gaudette, all of New Bedford.

Arrangements are by the Perry Funeral Home, 111 Dartmouth St., New Bedford.

Mary Roderick

NEW BEDFORD — Mary (Amaral) Roderick, 65, of 109 Princeton St. died yesterday at Parkwood Hospital after a long illness. She was the widow of Manuel Roderick.

Born in St. Michael, the Azores, she lived most of her life in this area and was a communicant of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception Church. She was employed by Economy Blouse as a stitcher until her illness.

She is survived by three sisters, Shirley Correia, Elsie Vieira and Agnes Almeida Lopes, all of New Bedford and Irene Gendron of East Fairhaven.

Manuel Lopes

DARTMOUTH — Manuel Lopes, 60, of Sea Breeze Drive, died Friday after a brief illness. He was the husband of Angelina (Duarte) Lopes.

He died at Peter Bent Brigham Hospital in Boston.

He was born in New Bedford, lived all of his life in this area and was a communicant of St. Mary Church in Padanaram. He worked at American Flexible Conduit as a coiler and served with the U.S. Army in World War II.

Survivors include his widow; a daughter, Donna Rayner of South Dartmouth; a son, Manuel Jr. of New Bedford; his mother, Jacintha Medeiros Lopes of North Dart-