

Manuel Costa, fruit dealer ^{ff/10/81}

Manuel Costa, 67, of Arlington, owner of the Costa Fruit and Produce Co. of Boston, died yesterday.

He was born in Cambridge and moved to the Azores with his family as a child. He returned to the United States in 1931 and for five years was employed by the Miller Produce Co., of Boston.

In 1936 he opened his own business, which at the end of World War II went into bankruptcy. He later started in business again with the Costa Fruit and Produce Co., which became one of the largest such businesses in the country.

He was an honorary member of the Epicurean Club of Boston, and

a member of the Le Chaine de la Ruttiserus, the Food Service Executive Association, and the Massachusetts Restaurant Association.

Surviving are his wife Ana (Storlazzi) Costa, a son Manuel Jr., of Arlington; two brothers, Jose Botelho of Arlington, and Artur Botelho of Malden, and five sisters, Maria Cruz of Arlington, Belmira Barbosa of Cambridge, Maria Faria and Virginia Camara, both of the Azores, and Inez Botelho of Lisbon, Portugal.

A Mass will be celebrated at 10 tomorrow in St. Eulalia Church, Winchester.

Arrangements are by the Eastman Funeral Service, Inc., Boston.