

5/15/80

**SERAPHIM D. COSTA**

Seraphim D. Costa, 71, of 367 Center St., Raynham, co-founder and long-time manager of the Taunton Flower Studio, died Wednesday at Morton Hospital after a brief illness. He was the husband of Mary R. (Burgess) Costa.

With his wife he founded the studio in 1949, and was associated with her in the shop's management until they retired in 1975.

He was also employed as a mold setter for Haveg Industries, retiring five years ago.

A communicant of St. Ann's Church, Raynham, Costa was a member of the Sociable Seniors of Raynham.

Born in Capello, Fayal, Azores, son of the late Manuel D. and Anna Olivia (Rogers) Costa, he came to this country in 1919, had been a Taunton resident for most of his life and lived in Raynham for the past five years.

Besides his wife of Raynham, he leaves one son, Richard A. Costa of Taunton; one daughter, Mrs. George (Mary E.) Pereira of Monument Beach, Bourne; one brother, Manuel D. Costa of Taunton; one half-brother, Joseph Medeiros of Taunton.

Also, three half-sisters, Mrs. Anna Vargas of Taunton, Mrs. Maria Farias of Fayal, and Mrs. Deolinda Andrade of East Providence, R.I.; one aunt, Mrs. Anne Rogers of Taunton; one granddaughter; three grandsons; and several nieces and nephews.