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## Obituaries

### JOHN DeSILVIA

Former boxer and wrestler John D. "Razor" DeSilvia, 81, of 14 Hodges Ave., died Sunday morning at the Rose Hawthorne-Lathrop Home in Fall River. He was the husband of Doris A. (Jacobs) DeSilvia.

A local sports figure, he had been a boxer and wrestler for many years and had volunteered as a physical education instructor at the YMCA for 15 years.

He was employed as a brass roller for New England Brass Co., until his retirement 15 years ago. He was a communicant of St. Anthony Church. Born in Somerset, Bermuda, he was the son of the late Manuel and Mary M. (Simons) DeSilvia and had lived in this country most of his life.

Survivors include his wife, a son, Theodore of California; a daughter, Mrs. Shirley Mello of Taunton; a stepdaughter, Jean Sumstad of Taunton; six sisters, Mrs. James (Sally) Worthington, Mrs. Hazel Barboza, Mrs. Alfred (Shirley) Silvia, Margaret and Ludvina, all of Bermuda, and Mrs. Olive Saunderson of New York City, and five grandchildren.