

Gaouette of Taunton; three sisters, Mrs. John (Blanche) McGrath and Mrs. Samuel (Alice) Whatley, both of Taunton, and Mrs. Margaret Parisi of Chicago; 18 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Sylvia, bakery owner, dies at home in Berkley

Francis J. Sylvia Jr., owner of the Mendes Bakery at 400 Bay St. for the past 16 years, died at his Berkley home Sunday morning after a sudden illness. He was 64.

Born in Taunton, he was a son of Mary (Martin) Sylvia of Dighton and the late Francis J. Sylvia. He had been a resident of Berkley for many years and made his home at 615 Berkley St. He was the husband of Norma Irene (Gilbert) Sylvia.

Prior to owning the Mendes Bakery, he had been employed at the Tommy Tucker Bakery, Quigley's Bakery, the Ideal Baking Co. and the Taunton Baking Co. where he had worked for 22 years.

A World War Two veteran, he served in the U.S. Army with Battery A of the 72 Anti-Aircraft Artillery Gun Battalion in the Battle of Central Europe, Naples, Rhineland, Rome, Southern France and Tunisia. He was awarded the European African Middle Eastern Service Medal with Bronze Arrowhead.

In addition to his wife and mother, he leaves a daughter, Mrs. Stanley (Robin) Poole Jr., of Florida; three sons, Paul F. Sylvia and Randy F. Sylvia, both of Taunton, and Shawn F. Sylvia of Berkley; two brothers,

Edward J. Sylvia of Lakeville, and William J. Sylvia of Fremone, Ohio; three grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

CECILE FRATES

Cecile Eugene (Gaouette) Frates, 65, of 601 Caswell St., wife of the late Joseph J. Frates, died suddenly at home last night.

Born in Taunton, she was the daughter of the late William and Alice (LaFrance) Gaouette. A housewife and homemaker most of her life, she also worked as a licensed practical nurse at the former Simmons Nursing Home in East Taunton for several years.

She was a communicant of the Holy Family Church.

She leaves a son, Joseph J. Frates Jr. of Taunton; four daughters, Mrs. Clinton (Lorraine) Kimball, Mrs. Frank (Brenda) Lema Jr., Mrs. William (Patricia) O'Brien and Mrs. Jacqueline Oliveira, all of East Taunton; a brother, Norman

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