

**Robert S. Gifford** 8/19/81

NEW BEDFORD — Robert S. Gifford, 45, of 1959 Purchase St. died yesterday at St. Luke's Hospital after a long illness. He was the widower of Cecelia (Jerome) Gifford.

He was born in Marion, lived in New Bedford most of his life, and was a member of the Acushnet Methodist Church. He was a fish cutter at local fillet houses until his illness about 1½ years ago.

Mr. Gifford was an Army veteran.

Survivors include his mother, Mrs. Mabel J. (Lackie) Morin of Fairhaven; two sons, Michael R. Burke and Robert S. Gifford Jr., both of New Bedford; four stepchildren, George R. Burke of Gloucester, John Burke of Bradford, James W. Burke of New Bedford and Rosemary Soares of Fairhaven; two sisters, Mrs. Jean L. Silva of New Bedford and Mrs. Barbara A. Dawicki of Fairhaven; and seven grandchildren.

Arrangements are by the Kirby Funeral Home, 61 Tarkiln Hill Road.