

Robert E. Gustafson

TAUNTON — Robert E. Gustafson, 57, of 954 Burt St. died Sunday after a long illness. He was the husband of Margaret (Claus) Gustafson.

He was born in North Brookfield and lived in New Bedford for 30 years. He was a resident of Taunton since 1964. He was a member of the Rehoboth Congregational Church. He was employed as chief chef and steward of the Bristol County House of Correction in New Bedford until his retirement.

Mr. Gustafson was a trustee of the Rehoboth Congregational Church, a past master of the Eastern Star Lodge, AF & AM, of Rehoboth and a past high priest of the Walter E. Marcey Royal Arch Chapter of Seekonk. He was also a member of the Attleboro Council Royal and Select Masters, an honorary member of the Netop Lodge and Ezra Lodge of Taunton, a past Grand Junior Steward of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, past master of the 25th Lodge of Instruction, past patron of the Order of Eastern Star, 208, Rehoboth, deputy grand Marshall, Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and a member of the Bristol Commandery 29, Knights Templar.

He served with the Navy Submarine Service during World War II.

Survivors include his widow; two sons, Dr. Paul R. of Baltimore and Peter V. of Burlington, Vt.; two daughters, Joan E. Wakefield and Janet E. Magardo, both of Quakertown, Pa.; two brothers, Howard of Middletown, Conn., and Albert of Foxboro; a sister, Myrtle Francis of New Bedford; and nine grandchildren.

Arrangements are by the Dagen Funeral Home, 63 Winthrop St.