

JOSE DaCOSTA JR.

5/25/85 TG
 Jose DaCosta Jr., 84, of 52 Orlo Ave., East Providence, R.I., a retired farmer, died Monday at his home. He was the husband of Maria Dosanjós (Travassos) DaCosta.

Born in Sao Miguel, the Azores, a son of the late Jose and Maria R. (Vicente) DaCosta, he lived in East Providence for five years.

Besides his wife, he leaves a son, Alfredo J. Costa of Taunton; three daughters, Urania C. Vincente, Maria Ana Lima and Maria Alcina Lima, all of East Providence; a sister, Rosaria Santos of Plymouth; a brother, Manuel C. Vicente, in the Azores; nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

JAMES ALEIXO

James Aleixo, 73, of 177 Winthrop St., a decorated World War II combat veteran, died suddenly Sunday night, at Morton Hospital.

The husband of Clara (Soares) Aleixo, he was born in Taunton and was the son of the late Francisco and Maria Gloria (Semas) Aleixo.

Educated in local schools, he was employed as a meter reader by the Taunton Municipal Lighting Plant before retirement in 1975.

He received the Bronze Star for his valor in single-handedly destroying an enemy position near Schweinburg, Germany on March 30, 1945.

As a U.S. Army tank gunner, he was commended for leaving his tank and, using hand grenades, taking the position while capturing 12 enemy soldiers.

He was also awarded the European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Campaign Ribbon and the Good Conduct Medal for his participation in the battles of the Rhineland, Ardennes and Central Europe with the Ninth Armored Division.

In addition to his wife, he leaves one daughter, Mrs. John A. (Marilyn D.) Dolan of Raynham; one son, Ronald Alexio of Taunton; two brothers, Theodore J. and Edward F., both of Taunton; four sisters, Mrs. Manuel (Blanche) Francis of East Easton; Mrs. Ludovic (Angela) Lallier of Cumberland, R.I.; Mrs. Elsie Crowder of West Yarmouth; Mrs. Ida Vaz of Pawtucket, R.I.; two grandchildren, one step-granddaughter; and several nieces and nephews.

MARY KING

Mary B. King, 86, of 635 Rock St., Fall River, formerly of Hillside Manor, Fall River, died Sunday after a long illness.

She was the wife of the late Thomas F. King.

Born in Hyde, England, she was the daughter of the late Peter and Ellen (Devlin) Burke.

She and her husband operated Devlin's Bakery on Locust St. in Fall River for many years before starting King's Home Bakery on Second St. They retired in 1962.

She was a member of the Holy Rosary Parish.

She is survived by one son, John B. King of Upper Marlboro, Md.; one daughter, Mrs. Alexander (Ann) M. Ferreira of Taunton; nine grandchildren; six great grandchildren; one niece and one nephew.

JOHN DeLAWRENCE

5/24/85 TG
DIGHTON, — John E. DeLawrence, 59, of 2005 Somerset Ave., husband of Mary T. (Cantella) DeLawrence, died last night after suffering a heart attack while working at his job as night watchman at Bristol County Agricultural High School.

Born and educated in Dighton, he was son of the late Manuel and Mary (Perry) DeLawrence.

He had worked as a night watchman at the school for four years. Prior to that, he was an attendant at the Dever State School.

He was a member of the Bay State Trappers Association. He attended St. Patrick's Church.

Besides his wife, he leaves two sons, David DeLawrence and John DeLawrence, both of Calif.; a daughter, Mary Beth DeLawrence of Calif.; a stepson, David Schiefen of Fla.; two stepdaughters, Mrs. Gerald (Mary Beth) Griffon of Fla., and Mrs. Antone (Joan) Oliveira of Fall River; two brothers, Walter DeLawrence and Arthur DeLawrence, both of Taunton; two sisters, Mrs. Maurice (Jane) Stigh of Arizona and Mrs. Richard (Dianne) Howell of Arizona; eight grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

JOSEPH PIRES JR.

5/25/85
 Joseph Pires Jr., 83, of 36 Thrasher St., died yesterday afternoon at Morton Hospital after a long illness.

The son of the late Joseph and Maria (dos Prazeres) Pires, he was born in Lisbon, Portugal and first settled in Pennsylvania when he came to the U.S. He moved to Taunton in 1938.

He worked for many years as a

bartender at the Ward Five Athletic Club and later was a partner in the former Broadway Social Club.

He was a communicant of St. Anthony's Church and a member of the Portuguese Continental Union Lodge No. 7, the Ward Five Club and the Portuguese-American Civic Club.

He leaves one half-sister, Maria Antonia Pinto of Taunton, and several nieces and nephews.

ARLENE DeROSE

6/15/85
 Arlene (Viera) DeRose, 66, of 8813 Laird St., Patterson, Calif., formerly of Althea Street, Taunton, died on Friday at DelPuerto Hospital at Patterson following a short illness.

She was the wife of the late Francis DeRose.

Born in Taunton, daughter of the late Antone and Filomena (Silva) DeRose, she moved to California eight years ago.

Survivors include a son, Francis DeRose of Fall River; two daughters, Mrs. Ann Hickman of North Attleboro and Mrs. Arlene Guiomar of Patterson, Calif.; two brothers,

Manuel Paling of Taunton and Antone Drais of Cumberland, R. I.; a sister, Mary Baylies of Taunton, and four grandchildren.

JOSEPH TORRES

Joseph Torres, 55, of 7036 Red Rd., Hialeah, Florida, died suddenly at home last week.

Born in Taunton, he was the son of Mary Torres and the late Philbert Torres of 143 School St.

Besides his mother, he is survived by one daughter, Sharon Petynia of Homestead, Fla.; one son, Phillip Torres of Miami, Fla.; two stepsons, Jay Torres and David Torres, both of Miami; four brothers, Anthony Torres, Manuel Torres, and Charles Torres of Taunton, and Philbert Torres of North Dighton; five sisters, Evelyn Cole, Natalie Gouveia, Nancy Joubert, and Dolores Fernandes, all of Taunton, and Mary Raposa of Lexington; one granddaughter; and several nieces and nephews.