**CHARLES MASON** 

FREETOWN — Charles H. Mason Jr., 53, of 5 Howland Road, Assonet, died early Friday at his home after being stricken suddenly. He was the husband of Grace M. (Britton) Mason.

Born in Dighton, where he lived most of his life, he was the son of the late Charles H. Mason, former Police Chief of Dighton, and the late Gennetta (Lucas) Mason.

He was a member of the Lion's Club, the Volunteer Firefighter's Association of Dighton, and former volunteer with the Dighton Police Department. In his early life he attended the Trinity Memorial Methodist Church.

Besides his wife, he is survived by two sons, Keith Mason of Bakersfield, Calif., Kerry Mason of Taunton; two daughters, Mrs. Frederick (Barbara) Reed of Dighton, Mrs. Maurice (Deborah) Fournier of North Attleboro; two sisters, Mrs. William (Beverly) Chramosta of Takoma, Wash., Mrs. Lawrence (Judith) Arieta of North Dighton.

He also leaves two step sons, Norman DesRoches of New Bedford, Richard Larsen of Assonet; three step daughters, Mrs. John (Carol) Kumor of New Bedford, Mrs. Daniel (Sharon) Moniz of Assonet, and Louise Larson of Assonet; seven grandchildren, several nieces and

nephews.