

Mendes, founder of local bakery, dies at 84

Joseph Mendes of 57 Cherry St., founder and former owner of Mendes Bakery on Bay Street, died Sunday at Morton Hospital, following a long illness. Husband of Ida (Bernardino) Mendes, he was 84.

When he came to Taunton from Portugal as a young man in 1919, his first job was delivering bread house to house in a horse and buggy. He was employed by the former Taunton Bakery, and later became a partner of the Broadway Bakery.

In 1952, he established his own business, and managed Mendes Bakery until 1969.

He was a communicant of St. Anthony's Church.

Son of the late Joao and Maria (doCarmo) Mendes, he was born in Vendas de Galiz, Portugal.

Surviving, in addition to his widow, are a daughter, Mrs. Robert (Cecilia) Rodier of Raynham; a brother, Joao Mendes of Lisbon, Portugal; and a granddaughter, Maria Mendes Rodier of Raynham.

JOSEPH REBEIRO

REHOBOTH — Joseph Rebeiro, 68, of 3 Peck Street, Rehoboth, husband of Beatrice E. (Gousie) Rebeiro, died Monday morning at Rhode Island Hospital.

Born in East Providence, he was the son of the late Antone and Philomena (Martin) Rebeiro. He was employed as a bulldozer operator out of Union Hall in Providence

and was more recently employed by the town of Rehoboth. He was a communicant of St. Paul's Church in Taunton.

He is survived by his wife, Beatrice Rebeiro of Rehoboth; two sons, Joseph Rebeiro Jr. of Bridgewater and Roger D. Rebeiro of Taunton; one daughter, Jan-Marie Rebeiro of Rehoboth. He is also survived by three brothers, Antone Ribeiro and Alfred Ribeiro of Rehoboth, James Ribeiro of Norton; one step-brother, Joseph Cole of Cranston, R.I.; six sisters, Mrs. Antone (Mollie) Oliver, Mrs. Manuel (Alice) Costa both of Rehoboth, Mrs. Antone (Rose) Cordeiro of Norton, Mrs. Joseph (Evelyn) Pacheco of Dighton, Mrs. Antone (Dorothy) Morris of Buzzards Bay and Mrs. George (Delores) Hill of Seekonk.

He is also survived by 5 grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

MADELINE COSTA

Madeline Pearl (Brown) Costa, 50, of 900 Somerset Ave., North Dighton, died Thursday at Charlton Memorial Hospital, Fall River, after a short illness. She was the wife of Frank G. Costa, business manager of Laborers' Local 876 of Taunton.

She was a communicant of St. Joseph's Church, North Dighton, and a member of VFW Ladies Auxiliary Post 2094 of North Dighton and of the Parents' Association of Lakeville Hospital.

Born in Jamaica Plain, she was the daughter of the late Edward and Amelia (Britton) Brown. She had resided in North Dighton for the past 14 years.

In addition to her husband, she leaves two sons, Frank Costs of Attleboro and Scott Costa of North Dighton; two daughters, Mrs. David (Vicki) Silvia and Dawn Marie Costa, both of North Dighton; four sisters, Mrs. Julie Aubut of Raynham, Mrs. Edward (Marion) Hickey of Taunton, Mrs. Frank (Gerry) Leonardi of Carver, and Mrs. John (Regina) Paiva of Taunton; one grandson, Tyler Silvia of North Dighton; and several nephews and nieces.

ARNOLD G. THOMAS
HARTFORD, Conn. — Arnold G. Thomas, 65, of Mason Street, Taunton, Mass., died yesterday at Hartford Hospital after a brief illness. He was the husband of Edna L. (Reynolds) Thomas.

He served as a paratrooper and infantryman in World War Two and the Korean War and was awarded the Purple Heart.

He worked as a chef and attended the Precinct Congregational Church in Lakeville.

He was born in Middleboro, son of Herbert H. and Alice L. (Westgate) Thomas.

Besides his widow, he leaves two sons, Arnold G. Thomas Jr. and Peter J. Thomas, both of Taunton; a daughter, Christine N. Thomas of Taunton; three sisters, Elsie and Anna Sergio, both of Brockton, Mass., and Stella Cardin of East Taunton, Mass.; eight grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

LORRAINE ROGERS

Lorraine (Duarte) Rogers, 44, of 21 Hodges Ave. died last night at Morton Hospital after a long illness.

Born in Taunton, she was the daughter of Olive (Mello) Duarte of Taunton and Joseph Duarte.

Besides her mother, she leaves three daughters, Mrs. Kevin (Elizabeth) Flint of Berkley, Mrs. Robert (Patricia) Fleck and Pamela Rogers, both of Taunton; two brothers, Joseph Duarte and James Duarte, both of Taunton; one sister, Mrs. Gloria Prado of Taunton; and two grandchildren.

GWENDOLYN BARBER

Gwendolyn H. (Gray) Barber, 62, of 1 Perry Ave. died Saturday morning at her home after a short illness. She was the wife of Antone Barber.

She worked for many years for Swank, Inc. as an inspector before retiring six years ago.

Born in Chicago, Ill., she moved to Taunton in 1945. She was the daughter of the late Charles and Hazel (Warren) Gray.

Besides her husband, she leaves a son, Anthony Barber of Taunton; a brother, Charles Gray of Chicago; two sisters, Mrs. Eugene (Dorothy) Guy and Mrs. Shirley Baldwin, both of Chicago; three grandchildren, Kristine Barber, Allison Barber, and Shanna Barber, all of Taunton; and several nephews and nieces.