

Franco dies at 66

EDWARD S. FRANCO

Edward S. Franco, 66, of 356 Dighton Ave., husband of Anne F. (Burgess) Franco, died yesterday morning in Morton Hospital shortly after arrival.

Born in Taunton, he was son of Virginia (Almeida) Franco and the late Antonio S. Franco.

He worked as a burnisher for over 25 years at the L.G. Balfour Co. in Attleboro and later owned the Village Package Store on Route 6 in Mattapoissett.

He was presently employed as a crossing guard by the Taunton school system.

He was a U.S. Army veteran, having served as a private during World War Two in the CO. A. 15th armored infantry and the 5th armored division, and saw action in the battles of Normandy, Northern France,' and Germany. He was wounded in action and received the Purple Heart Award.

He was a communicant of Our Lady of Lourdes Church and was very active in church and diocesan affairs. He was diocesan treasurer of the St. Vincent de Paul Society and president of OLOL's St. Vincent de the Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Council. He was also past president of the OLOL Holy Name Society.

Several years ago, he was awarded the Marian Award by Bishop Daniel A. Cronin, Bishop of Fall River.

He was past Grand Knight of Msgr. Coyle Council #82 and a 4th degree member of the Douglas White Assembly. He was also a member of the Portuguese Continental Union, Corte Real Lodge #7.

Besides his wife, he leaves his mother, Virginia Franco of Taunton.

Paul Society.

He was past chairman of the annual Bishop's Ball and a member of

JOSEPH GOULART
BROCKTON — Joseph S. Goulart,
71, of 98 High St., Taunton, husband of Priscilla A. Goulart, died Friday at the Brockton Veterans Hospital following a long illness.

Born and educated in Taunton, he was a son of the late John and Mary (Silvia) Goulart. The lifelong city resident was a communicant of St.

Mary's Church.

Before his retirement in 1976, he had been employed for 25 years for the Massachusetts Department of Public Works. He was a corporal in the U.S. Army during World War Two.

In addition to his wife, he leaves a step-son, Donald F. Wilbur of Middleboro, and four grandchildren.

MANUEL SILVA
Manuel B. Silva, 72, of 42 Shores
St., formerly of East Providence,
R.I., died Friday morning at his home following a three-month illiness. He was the husband of Louisa I. (Ferreira) Silva.

Born in St. Michael, Azores, he was a son of the late Manuel B. and Marianna (Ferreira) Silva. He was a self-employed farmer all of his life.

He moved to the United States six years ago and has been a resident of Taunton for the past three months

and was a communicant of St. Anthony's Church here.

In addition to his wife, he leaves three sons, Altino M. Silva and Jose B. Silva, both of East Providence, and Aires M. Silva of Toronto, Canada; two daughters, Mrs. Jose (Idalia) Lourenco and Mrs. Ivo (Saulina) Matos, both of Taunton; a brother, Jose B. Silva of Fall River; six sisters, Mrs. Malvina Moura of Somerville and five sisters in St. Michael, Azores; 10 grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

BESSIE DaCRUZ

Bessie G. (Jamieson) DaCruz, 84, of R-49 Porter St., wife of Armand J. DaCruz, died yesterday at Morton Hospital following a short illness.

Born in Prince Edward Island, Canada, she worked as a domestic helper in private homes in Newport, R.I. for many years. She last worked at Longmeadow Nursing Home, retiring seven years ago.

She leaves her husband.

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ALEXANDRIÁ PHILLIPS Alexandria R. (Perreira) Phillips, 71, of 31 School St., died this morning at Morton Hospital after a long illness. She was the wife of the late Manuel S. Phillips.

Born in St. Michaels, Azores, she was the daughter of the late Manuel F. and Mary F. (Vustodio) Perreira. She lived in the United States for 64

years, and spent 20 years in Taunton. She worked at Taunton State Hospital as a kitchen aide before retiring at the age of 62.

She was a communicant at St. Mary's Church, a member of the Silver City Seniors, and St. Mary's Ladies Guild.

She is survived by two sons, David P. Phillips of Dighton and Joseph Phillips of Swansea; one daughter, Francis A. Emack of Dighton; one sister, Joseph (Theresa) Medeiros of Dighton; and 10 grandchildren.

MANUEL FERNANDES

Manuel Fernandes, 71, of 10 East Plain St., Berkley, died Wednesday at his home, following a long illness. He was the husband of the late Dorothy M. (Kelly) Fernandes.

He was employed as a finish polisher at Reed and Barton Silver. smiths for several years, until his retirement in 1971, and was a membr of Reed and Barton's Quarter-Century Club. Born in Berkley, he was the son of

the late Manuel and Mary (Cunha) Fernandes.

Survivors include a son, Daniel R. Fernandes of Taunton; a daughter, Mrs. Norman (Susan) L'Heureux of New Bedford; and five grandchildren.