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## Raul Ribeiro, founder of Luzo Foodservice

PROVIDENCE — Raul Ribeiro, 90, of 18 Taft Ave., a founder of Luzo Foodservice Corp. of New Bedford, died unexpectedly today at home. He was the husband of Nicoletta Anna (Vita) Ribeiro.

He was born in Portugal and lived most of his life in Fairhaven, until moving to Providence two years ago.

Mr. Ribeiro's grandson, Carl Ribeiro, who now runs the company, said his grandfather founded the business in 1928, when it was known as the Luzo Coffee Co.

It later became the Luzo Grocery Co. and then, Luzo Foodservices, Carl Ribeiro said.

Until 1960, the business was housed at 110 Front St. The company has since been located at 367 Nash Road.

Mr. Ribeiro was a member of the George H. Taber Lodge, AF & AM, of Fairhaven.

Survivors include his widow, a brother, Carlos of Portugal, and several grandchildren.

Arrangements are by the Fairhaven Funeral Home 117 Main St., Fairhaven.