

Lumber firm founder dies at son's home ^{11/1/81}

David A. Rocha of Norton and Florida, founder of Williams Lumber Co. Inc., died suddenly Sunday at the home of his son, David L. Rocha of 2220 Tanglewood Drive, North Dighton. He was 74.

Medical Examiner William H. Bennett Jr. attributed death to natural causes.

Husband of the late Martha G. (Hassett) Rocha, he was a resident of 184 East Main St., Norton, and of Punta Gorda, Fla.

He retired in 1972 from the firm that he had founded.

A communicant of St. Mary's Church in Norton, he was affiliated with the Feast of Nossa Senhora doLoretto, held in Norton, and with the Corps of Army Engineers.

He was born in Arco daCalheta, Madeira Island, and had come to this country during his early childhood. He was the son of the late

Joseph and Jesuina (Vieira) Rocha.

Surviving are two sons, David L. Rocha of North Dighton and William J. Rocha of Maine; a daughter, Mrs. Thomas (Martha) B. Howell of Norton; six brothers, Julio Rocha, Joseph Rocha, Charles Rocha, Police Chief George Rocha, and Alfred Rocha, all of East Providence, R.I., and William Rocha of Greenville, R.I.

Also, five sisters, Mrs. Marnel (Georgianna) Mello of Rehoboth, Sister Beatrice Rocha of Jesus Savior Parish in Newport, R.I., Sister Angelina Rocha of St. Francis Xavier Parish in East Providence, Mrs. Theresa Smith of Cranston, R.I., and Mrs. Philip (Mary) Kelly of East Greenwich, R.I.; and several grandchildren, nephews, and nieces.