

Obituaries

Joao Soares Lopes, 88

Joao Soares "Pilot" Lopes, 88, of 75 Dudley St., New Bedford, died yesterday at home after a brief illness. He was the husband of Mary (Rapoza) Lopes.

He was born in St. Michael, Azores, and lived in New Bedford most of his life. He was a communicant of Mount Carmel Church. He was employed by Gosnold Mill until retirement.

Lopes was a member of the Portuguese Benevolent Alliance of Fall River. He was one of the founders of the original Santo Christo Club, and was a former member of the Holy Ghost Society of Sharp Street.

In addition to his widow, he is survived by a son, Joseph S. of New Bedford; two sisters, Frances Trojak and Maria St. Christo Zimbra, both of New Bedford; a grandchild and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements are by the Perry Funeral Home, 111 Dartmouth St., New Bedford.

Antone DaCosta, 77

TAUNTON — Antone DaCosta, 77, of 16 Winter St. died Monday at home after a long illness. He was the husband of Ermelinda L. (Margarido) DaCosta.

He was born in Mattapoisett, and had lived in Taunton since 1935. He was a communicant of St. Anthony Church. He founded the DaCosta Awning Co. in Taunton in 1935. He learned the trade from C.E. Beckman Co. in New Bedford and established the Quality Awning Co. in New Bedford in 1931 before moving to Taunton.

DaCosta served in the Navy from

1942-45 as a chief petty officer. He was a past president of the Holy Name Society of St. Anthony Church.

In addition to his widow, he is survived by two daughters, Olinda Davidson of Raynham and Jane Murphy of Milford, Conn.; a son, Antone M. of Raynham; three brothers, Joseph Costa of New Bedford, and Louis Costa and Manuel Costa, both of Rio Dell, Calif.; two sisters, Eva Bento of Newman, Calif., and Angelina Genest of Chicopee; 13 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements are by the Marshall & Son Funeral Home, 116 School St.

Antone Roderick, 62

Private funeral services were to be held this morning for Antone Roderick, 62, of 97 Purchase St., New Bedford who died Saturday at St. Luke's Hospital after a brief illness. He was the husband of Hilda (Castello) Roderick.

He was born in New Bedford, and lived all his life in this area. He was a self-employed laborer until his retirement.

In addition to his widow, he is survived by three brothers, Virginio of New Bedford, John of Brockton and Walter of Fairhaven; three sisters, Mary Dion and Estrella Souza, both of New Bedford, and Alyce Guimont of Wareham.

Funeral arrangements were by the Perry Funeral Home, 111 Dartmouth St., New Bedford.