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Michael J. Ropoza

JOHNSTON — Michael J. "Dobie" Ropoza, 49, of Taylor Road, a dog trainer, died Friday when stricken at the Lincoln Greyhound Park, Lincoln. He was the husband of Carol Ann (Lambert) Ropoza.

He was born in Somerset, Mass., a son of the late Joseph and Sarah (Corea) Ropoza. He lived in Johnston for 15 years and formerly lived in Providence.

Mr. Ropoza trained greyhounds in the Rhode Island area for 20 years and worked for the Roderick Kennels, Lincoln. He formerly worked for the Atlantic Tubing Co., Cranston, for 19 years. He was an Army veteran of the Korean War.

Besides his wife he leaves five sons, Michael A. Ropoza of Central Falls, Mark A. Ropoza of Cranston and Steven C., Henry P. and Chris A. Ropoza, all of Johnston; a daughter, Donna Marie Ropoza of Johnston; two brothers, Joseph Ropoza of California and Charles Ropoza of North Providence, and three sisters, Irene Zarski of Cranston, Evelyn French and Lorraine McCaffrey, both of Pawtucket.

The funeral will be held Tuesday at 9:45 a.m. from the Thomas & Walter Quinn Funeral Home, 2435 Warwick Ave., Warwick, with a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Rocco's Church, Atwood Avenue, at 11. Burial will be in the Rhode Island Veterans Cemetery, Exeter, with full military honors.