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Mrs. Santos, 35, Dies; Son Donates CF Fund

A nine-year-old boy who watched his mother suffer from and finally succumb to cystic fibrosis has decided to donate all his savings to help continue the fight against the disease.

John Joseph Santos, a fourth-grader at Bennett School, decided to pledge \$63, mostly money he received for his birthday and at Christmas, to the Cystic Fibrosis Research Center Fund.

He hopes the cash will help doctors find a cure to the crippling disease that yesterday claimed the life of his mother, Mrs. Linda May (Lopes) Santos of 34 Short St.

For 25 years, Mrs. Santos battled the congenital sickness of the mucous glands, a disease that usually develops during childhood and causes pancreatic insufficiency and pulmonary disorders.

She was admitted as a patient at Children's Hospital, Boston, a week ago for further treatment, and died there on Monday. A funeral mass will be offered in her memory Thursday at St. Mary's Church.

The wife of John Louis Santos, she was a communicant of St. Mary's Church. Born in Taunton, daughter of Sebastian and Bertha (Avellar) Lopes, she had been a lifelong city resident.

Besides her husband, son and parents, all of Taunton, she is survived by four brothers, Edward P. Lopes of Berkley, Frederick Lopes of Attleboro, and George Arnold Lopes and Bradley F. Lopes, both of Taunton.

Also three sisters, Marie Lopes of Taunton, Frances Lopes of Brockton, and Mrs. Joseph (Arlene) Baptiste of

Rehoboth; three half-brothers, Donald Alves of East Providence, R.I., Anthony Alves of Attleboro, and Robert Alves of California.

Also three half-sisters, Carol Alves of California, Mrs. Jerry (Janice) Rapoza, and Mrs. Henry (Barbara) Duarte Jr., both of Taunton; several nieces and nephews; and several aunts and uncles.