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Olive Serpa

NEWPORT — Olive Serpa, 82, of 359 Spring St., widow of Antonio R. Serpa, died Wednesday at Newport Hospital.

Born in Fayal, the Azores, a daughter of the late Joseph and Mary Gloria (Vargas) Silveira, she came to Newport at 16 years old.

Mrs. Serpa was a laundress and retired in 1970. During World War II, she worked at the Naval Torpedo Station. She was a member of the Holy Rosary Sodality of Jesus Saviour Church.

She leaves three daughters, Mrs. Elsie Silveira of Crestview, Fla., Mrs. Sarah Silvia and Miss Mary A. Serpa, both of Newport; a son, Joseph M. Serpa of Middletown; three sisters, Mrs. Philomena Silvia of Fayal, Mrs. Anna Vargas of San Jose, Calif., and Mrs. Sarah Bartlett of Fairhaven, Mass.; a brother, Jospeh Silveira of Fayal; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be held tomorrow at 9:15 a.m. from the O'Neill Funeral Home, 465 Spring St., with a Mass of Christian Burial at Jesus Saviour Church, Broadway, at 10. Burial will be in St. Columba's Cemetery, Middletown.