

**Joseph Silva** 2/26/81

Joseph Silva, 54, of 73 Willis St., South Dartmouth, died yesterday after a brief illness. He was the husband of Virginia (Gomes) Silva.

He was a lifelong resident of the New Bedford area. He was a communicant of Our Lady of Immaculate Conception Church.

Mr. Silva was employed by Woods Hole-Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket Steamship Authority as a chef until his retirement in 1971. More recently, he had worked as a chef at the Dartmouth Middle School and Nichols House Nursing Home, Fairhaven.

Survivors besides his widow include a daughter, Shirley Partin of New Bedford; a brother, Miguel M., of New Bedford; and three grandchildren.

Arrangements are by the Silveira's Colonial Chapel, 61 So. Sixth St., New Bedford.