

Obituaries

JOSEPH F. SIMMONS

ASSONET — Joseph Furtado Simmons, 75, former highway superintendent for Freetown, died Wednesday in Fall River following a long illness. The husband of Mary (DeCosta) Simmons, he resided at 65 North Main St.

Born in St. Michael, Azores, he was the son of the late John and Maria Simmons.

He moved to Assonet 57 years ago and previously worked as a self-employed farmer. In the 1940s he was employed as a construction carpenter and later became Freetown's highway superintendent.

A member of the Massachusetts Highway Association, the Norfolk-Bristol Highway Association and the Lions Club, he was a communicant of St. Bernard's Church, Assonet.

Surviving besides his wife are three sons, Joseph F., Jr., Dennis W. and William J., all of Assonet; a daughter, Mrs. Paul (Irene) Bilodeau of Dighton; two brothers, John of East Providence and William F. of Assonet; nine grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and several nieces and nephews.