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**FRANCIS S. SOITOS**

Francis S. Soitos, 63, of 58 Orchard St. died Monday shortly after arrival at Morton Hospital, where he was transported after being stricken while working around his yard. He was the husband of Ledora "Doris" (Isidorio) Soitos.

Since 1945, he had been a carrier-technician with the U.S. Postal Service.

During World War Two, he served in the Army as a first sergeant with Battery C, 212th Armored Field Artillery Battalion.

After leaving the United States for Europe Feb. 10, 1944, he saw action in the Battles of Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes, and Central Europe. He was awarded the Bronze Star.

He was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church.

Born in Taunton, he was the son of the late Antone S. and Mary (Silva) Soitos.

Surviving, in addition to his widow, are a son, Stephen F. Soitos of Northampton; a daughter, Mrs. William (Francine A.) Aloisa of Enfield, Conn.; a brother, Antone Soitos of Taunton; a sister, Mrs. Ennsencio (Eileen) Coelho of Taunton; and two granddaughters, Devon Aloisa and Lauren Aloisa, both of Enfield, Conn.