DR. CHARLES M. SOUZA NORTH DIGHTON — Dr. Charles M. Souza, 79, of 2068 Somerset Ave., Dighton, a practicing physician in that town for the past 50 years, died unexpectedly yesterday morning at the home of his daughter.

Born in New Bedford, he was the son of the late John M, and Mary (Gloria) Smith, and the husband of Rose (Medeiros) Souza.

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He was a graduate of New Bedford High, a 1927 graduate of Tufts University Medical School, and a 1931 graduate of Middlesex College Medical School, where he obtained his M.D. degree.

Following that, he interned

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at the Hahnemann Hospital in Scranton, Pa., from 1931-

He was the Dighton school physician since 1933, a member of the Morton Hospital staff in Taunton since 1943, and a member of the medical staffs of St. Anne's and Truesdale Hospitals in Fall River for many years.

He was a member of the Massachusetts Medical

Society, the American Medical Society, the Dighton Senior Citizen's Advisory Board, and St. Peter's Church.

Beside his wife, he is survived by a son, Charles M. Souza Jr. of North Andover; two daughters, Mrs. Brian (Lois N.) McCormick of North Dighton and Mrs. Paul (Cynthia R.) Nakane of Denver, Colo.; a brother, Ralph M. Souza of New Bedford; a sister, Mary Ferreira of New Bedford; six grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.