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### Edward L. Souza

NEWPORT — Edward Lewis Souza, 53, of "Fairholme," Ruggles Avenue, a superintendent of the Robert R. Young estate for more than 29 years, died Friday at Newport Hospital after being stricken at home. He was the husband of Mary C. (Silvia) Souza.

A lifelong Newport resident, he was a son of Laura A. (Lewis) Souza, and the late Anthony L. Souza.

He was a past president of the Newport County Professional Gardeners Association, and was its chairman at the Boston Flower Show, which received many awards over the years. He was a communicant of Jesus Saviour Church, and a member of the Vasco da Gama Holy Ghost Society.

Besides his wife and mother he leaves three sons, Edward L. Souza Jr. of Gainesville, Fla., Robert M. Souza of Merritt Island, Fla., and William A. Souza of Newport; two daughters, Mary Catherine Souza and Rosemarie Souza, both of Newport; two brothers, Raymond Souza of Sun Valley, Calif., and William P. Souza of Newport, and three sisters, Dorothy Silvia, Barbara Silvia and Carolyn Almeida, all of Middletown.

The funeral will be held Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. from the Hambly Funeral Home, 30 Red Cross Ave., with a Mass of Christian Burial at Jesus Saviour Church, Broadway, at 10.