

## Obituaries



**Peter Melanson**  
Retired grocer

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NEW BEDFORD — Peter Melanson, 80, of 32 Duncan St. died yesterday at his home after a brief illness. He was the husband of Emiline (Marcotte) Melanson and the son of the late Placid T. and Pelagie (Cormier) Melanson.

He was born in Moncton, New Brunswick, and lived in New Bedford most of his life. He was a communicant of St. Joseph Church.

Mr. Melanson owned the former Melanson's Variety Store on Ashley Boulevard until retiring.

He was a past member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, a former member of the Grocers' Association, and a past member of the United Commercial Travelers. He was a member of the League of Sacred Heart of St. Joseph Church and the Third Order of Saint Francis.

Survivors include his widow; seven sons, Brother Leonard of LaSalette Missionaries, Gilbert of Meriden, Conn., Wilbrod, Lewis and Raymond, all of New Bedford, Jean of Melbourne, Fla., and Roger of Brewster; six daughters, Jeannette Walsh of West Palm Beach, Fla., Theresa Champoux of Fremont, Canada, Pauline Audette of Meriden, Conn., Lucille Mello of Fairhaven, Dianne Poisy of Ponpano Beach, Fla., and Carol Kopaczewski of Virginia Beach, Va.; a brother, Albert of New Bedford; two sisters, Josephine Pidgeon and Anna Girouard, both of New Bedford; 39 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements are by the Donaghy Funeral Home, 465 County St.

### Mary Medeiros, 91

NEW BEDFORD — Funeral services were held today for Mary (Medeiros) Medeiros, 91, formerly of 263 Wood St., who died Sunday after a long illness. She was the widow of Joseph A. Medeiros and the daughter of the late Antonio and Rosa (Furtado) Medeiros.

She died at Oak Hill Nursing Home, Middleboro.

She was born in St. Michael, Azores, and lived in New Bedford most of her life. She was a former communicant of St. Mary Church and was a spinner at Gosnold Mills until her retirement.

Survivors include a daughter, Mary Paiva of New Bedford; a sister, Laura Ayres of New Bedford; a brother, John C. Silvia of New Bedford; 20 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren, and nine great-great-grandchildren.

Arrangements are by the Brooklawn Funeral Home, 15 Irvington Court.

### Thomas Wilkinson

ACUSHNET — Thomas Wilkinson, 81, of Diane Street died at home yesterday after a long illness. He was the husband of Isabel (Mello) Wilkinson.

He was born in New Bedford and lived in New Bedford 67 years before moving to Acushnet. He was a communicant of St. Francis Xavier Church.

Mr. Wilkinson was head orderly and porter at St. Luke's Hospital until retiring in 1967. Previously, he was a deliveryman for Holmes Coal Co.

Survivors include his widow; a stepdaughter, Theresa Tilton of Longmont, Colo.; and three grandchildren.

Arrangements are by Fairhaven Funeral Home, 117 Main St., Fairhaven.

### Anna L. Dorgan, 90

NEW BEDFORD — Anna L. Dorgan, 90, of 1 Tilton St. died yesterday after a brief illness. She was the daughter of the late Timothy J. and Annie (Ryan) Dorgan.

She died at Our Lady's Haven, Fairhaven.

She was born and lived in New Bedford most of her life. She was a communicant of Holy Name Church and was an algebra teacher at New Bedford High School until retiring in 1956.

Miss Dorgan was a member of the New Bedford Teachers Association and the Catholic Women's Club.

Survivors include two sisters, Alice B. Dorgan and Mary Z. Atchison, both of New Bedford; and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements are by the Saunders Funeral Home, 495 Park St.

### Adelaide Souza

NEW BEDFORD — Adelaide (Santos) Souza, 80, of 86 Grant St. died today after a brief illness. She was the widow of Manuel Souza.

She died at St. Luke's Hospital.

She was born in Terceira, Azores and lived in New Bedford most of her life.

Survivors include a son, William S. of Rochester and five grandchildren.

Arrangements are by Saunders Funeral Home, 495 Park St.

### Herman J. Condez

NEW BEDFORD — Funeral services were to be held this morning for Herman J. Condez, 82, of 9 Pope St., who died Sunday after a long illness. He was the widower of Anna (Sylvia) Condez and the son of the late Antone and Maria (Vaz) Condez.

He died at Bristol Nursing Home.

He was born in Accso, Portugal, and lived in this area most of his life. He was a communicant of St. John Church. He was a self-employed farmer until retiring.

Survivors include a brother, Cecil of South Dartmouth.

Arrangements are by the Perry Funeral Home, 111 Dartmouth St.

### Elton W. Willis

WEST VENICE, Fla. — Elton W. Willis, 82, of 238 Tampa Ave., died Sunday at his home. He was the husband of Doris A. (Adams) Willis.

He was born in New Bedford and was employed as an engineer until retiring.

Mr. Willis was a graduate of Massachusetts Institute of Technology with a degree in electrical engineering.

Survivors include his widow; a daughter, Mrs. Edward A. Scholter of Mattapoisett; two brothers, Earle S. and William H. of Boston; a sister, Alma Waltham of Newton Upper Falls; and two grandchildren.

Arrangements are by the Ewing Funeral Home, Venice.