

Obituaries

Manuel Combra Jr.

MIDDLEBORO — Manuel Combra Jr., 61, of 58A Forest St. died Sunday after a brief illness. He was the husband of Eleanor M. (Ruprecht) Combra.

He died at Brockton Veterans Administration Hospital.

Born in Assonet, he was the son of the late Manuel and Jessie (Lopes) Combra. A communicant of Sacred Heart Church, he formerly was employed by Girard Leone Construction Co. as a laborer.

A graduate of Bristol County Agricultural School, he was an Army veteran of World War II, serving in the anti-aircraft artillery in the European-African Theater.

Middleboro's veterans' agent for graves, Combra was past commander and life member of the John Glass Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars and past commander of District 12. His memberships included the American Legion Nickerson Post, the Middleboro Veterans Council and the Middleboro Lodge of Elks. He was past commander of the Middleboro Veterans Council.

He also was a life member of the Disabled American Veterans Sukeforth Chapter and the past seam squirrel of the Middleboro Cooties.

Survivors include his widow; a son, Manuel "Mac" Combra 3rd of Middleboro; two daughters, Mary E. Andrews of Bridgewater and Jessie Wainwright of East Freetown; a brother, John Combra of Westport; eight sisters, Mary Lyons, Sadie Combra and Georgianna Combra, all of Assonet, Ella Machado and Eva Benoit, both of Fall River, Charlotte Jazowski of New Jersey, Frances Bott of Ohio, and Belmira Combra of New Bedford; and six grandchildren.

Arrangements are by the Ashley Funeral Home, 35 Oak St.

In the obituary that appeared in yesterday's Standard-Times, the name of Belmira Camara, one of the surviving sisters, was misspelled.

Club of New Bedford, and the Spouters Club of New Bedford. During World War I she was active in the Red Cross and Civil Defense work.

Survivors include two daughters, Madelyn Currier Forsythe of South Dartmouth and Thelma Currier Drake of New Bedford; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Arrangements are by the Wilson Chapel, 479 County St., New Bedford.

John E. Stager

NEW BEDFORD — John E. Stager, 79, of New Bedford died unexpectedly yesterday. He was the widower of Mae (McDevitt) Stager.

He died at St. Luke's Hospital. He was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., and lived in New Bedford 45 years. He was a communicant of St. Lawrence Church. He was employed by Aerovox Corp. as a plant engineer, retiring in 1969.

Mr. Stager was a member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. He was a bingo volunteer for St. Lawrence Church and received the Marian Award from Bishop Connolly. For many years he was a trustee for St. Lawrence Church.

Survivors include five daughters, Jean M. Whitten of Rahway, N.J., Helen L. Stager of New Bedford, Dorothy A. Welch of Willingboro, N.J., Susanne Stager of Brooklyn, N.Y., and Mary A. Galipeau of Lake Charles, La.; two sons, John J. of Lake Telemark, N.J., and James E. of Peabody; 21 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Arrangements are by the Daniel F. Dwyer Funeral Home, 127 Chestnut St.

Harvey H. Kenyon

NEW BEDFORD — Harvey H. Kenyon, 82, of 2405 Acushnet Ave. died yesterday after a long illness. He was the husband of Nellie F. (Harrington) Kenyon and the son of the late William and Margery M. (Hilton) Kenyon.

He died at Kristen Beth Nursing Home.

He was born in Pawcatuck, Conn., and lived in New Bedford most of his life. He was a Merchant Marine seaman until retiring about 25 years ago.

Survivors include his widow; two sons, Harvey H. and Walter O., both of New Bedford; three daughters, Margery M. Dutra of Tarvenier, Fla., Rosemarie Boardman of Acushnet and Alma F. Mastera of North Dartmouth; a sister, Elizabeth Jameson of New Bedford; 17 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter; and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements are by the Kirby Funeral Home, 61 Tarkiln Hill Road.

Jeffrey P. White

WESTPORT — Jeffrey P. White, 33, of 529 Pine Hill Road died yesterday. He was the son of James B. and Frances D. (Sheehan) White of Westport.

Mr. White died of injuries after an altercation in Dartmouth, according to a police report.

He was born in Acushnet and lived in Westport most of his life. He worked with his father at the J. B. White House Moving Co. as a house mover.

Mr. White served in the Army during the Vietnam War.

Survivors include his parents; five brothers, Jay of Walpole, Robert of Franklin, Richard of Danielson, Conn., Alan Bruce of Newport Richey, Fla., and John D. of Norton; six sisters, Florence Kirby of North Dartmouth and Janet Ferreira, Linda Tripp, Paula Renaud, Cynthia R. White and Deborah Faris, all of Westport; and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements are by the Potter Funeral Home, 81 Reed Road.