

Sylvia, past Masonic master, 75, is dead

James C. Sylvia, 75, of 27 Padelford St., Berkley, active in Masonry and a retired teamster, died at Morton Hospital this morning after a short illness. He was the husband of Frances (Bettencourt) Sylvia.

He was a past master of the Charles Titus Lodge, a past high priest of St. Mark's Chapter, Royal Arch, and a past master of the Taunton Council of Loyal and Select Masters.

He also was a past commander of the Washington Commandery, Knights of Templar, and was a member

of the Shriners. He was a recipient of the Knight of the York Cross of Honor.

A teamster for 35 years, he was born in Dighton, son of the late Antone and Mary (Marshall) Sylvia.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two daughters, Mrs. John (Florence) Roach of Fall River and Mrs. Francis (Lorraine) Cabral, who lives in Illinois; two sons, Clifford Sylvia and Douglas Sylvia, both of Illinois; 15 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

'Brownie' Braga dies at Morton

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Manuel R. "Brownie" Braga, 82, of 111 South Crane Ave., a retired greenskeeper for the former Bristol County Golf Course, died suddenly Friday morning at Morton Hospital. He was the husband of the late Ann-M. Foy.

Born in Taunton, son of the late Manuel and Fannie Braga, he attended city schools and lived in Taunton all his life. He was a communicant of St. Paul's Church.

He was a member of the Massachusetts Greenskeeper Association. For 40 years, he was keeper of the grounds at Bristol County Golf Course

on Fisher Street, now the Herring Run Golf Course.

He leaves a daughter, Mildred Braga, of Taunton, who is principal of the Leddy School.

He also leaves four brothers, William Braga, of Taunton; George Braga, of Raynham; James Braga, of San Jose, Calif., and Arthur Campbell, also of California.

He is also survived by three sisters, Mrs. Gene (Whilemina) Phillips and Mrs. Augustus (Alvera) Carlos, both of Taunton, and Mrs. Arthur (Laura) Nunes, of Attleboro.

He is also survived by several nieces and nephews.