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**Gaudencio Tavares Jr.**

DENVER, Colo. — Gaudencio "Guy" Tavares Jr., 43, of Denver died Friday after a long illness. He was the husband of Vivian Tavares and the son of Gaudencio Tavares of New Bedford and the late Mary (Simas) Tavares.

He died at St. Anne Hospital.

He was born and lived in New Bedford most of his life and lived in Denver two years, where he was a truck driver.

Mr. Tavares was a member of the Army Reserves in Denver.

Survivors include his widow and his father; three children from a previous marriage, a son, Michael Tavares of Framingham and two daughters, Karen Tavares and Christina Tavares, both of New Bedford; a sister, Virginia Costa of New Bedford; and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements are by the Highland Chapel, Denver.