

# Car jack slips; fatally crushes Raynhamite, 68

RAYNHAM — A 68-year-old retired heavy equipment operator died late Saturday afternoon from injuries received when the car on which he was working in his garage slipped off a tire jack and crushed him to death.

Medical Examiner Theodore R. Thayer pronounced Henry Cardoza of 561 South Main St. dead at the scene, at 6:20 p.m. Death was attributed to multiple internal injuries and compression.

According to police, Cardoza was working on a car at about 5:44 p.m. when the jack collapsed from the right rear section of the car. The car fell, trapping Cardoza underneath the rear axle.

Patrolman Brian Carr and Lt. Louis Pacheco responded to the scene and with the help of a neighbor, Michael A. Mirka, who used another jack to lift the car, rescuers extricated the victim.

An 18-year-old Dighton youth, Douglas Carr, was crushed to death April 13 in Taunton when a hydraulic jack gave way under the car on which he was working on Winthrop Street.

A Raynham resident for the past 29 years, Cardoza

was the husband of Elizabeth M. (Fernandes) Cardoza.

He was a retired heavy equipment operator, having worked for various construction companies out of his union hall.

He was Exalted Ruler of the I.B.O.P.E.W., W.H. Carney Lodge No. 200 of New Bedford, and was a communicant of St. Ann's Church.

Born in Canton, he was the son of the late Manuel and Mary (Soares) Cardoza.

Surviving, in addition to his widow, are five sons, Ernest Perry, Gerald Cardoza, Wilson Cardoza, and Dennis Cardoza, all of East Wareham, and Ronald Cardoza of Plymouth; a daughter, Maria Elena Cardoza of Boston.

Also, five brothers, Frank Cardoza of Brockton, John Cardoza and Alfred Cardoza, both of East Wareham, Manuel Cardoza of Taunton, and William Cardoza of Dartmouth; three sisters, Jenny Barber of East Wareham, Lena Canto of Randolph, and Mary Bean of Brockton.

Also, 27 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; and several nephews and nieces.

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