

Obituaries

NORMAN TIBBETTS

MIDDLEBORO — Norman M. Tibbetts, 59, husband of Della N. (Azevedo) Tibbetts and a mechanic for Lucini Motors of West Bridgewater, died yesterday at Newton-Wellesley Hospital where he had been a patient for three weeks.

Born in Middleboro, he was the son of Lillian (Hinks) Tibbetts and the late Frank Tibbetts. He was an Air Force veteran of World War Two.

Survivors include his wife; mother; a daughter, Mrs. Linda Rockwell of East Bridgewater; two grandsons, William Rockwell, Jr. and Richard Rockwell; five brothers, Albert of Middleboro, Vincent of Stratford, Conn., Harold of Connecticut, Howard of Greenwich, R.I., and Franklin of California; five sisters, Mrs. Eva Willard, Mrs. Mildred Taylor, Mrs. Arlene Benson and Mrs. Louise Benson, all of Middleboro and Mrs. Madelyn Denham of Rochester.

JOHN M. DUARTE

SWANSEA — A funeral mass was offered this morning at St. Dominic's Church for former New England boxer John M. Duarte, 84, who fought under the name of "Johnny Mello." The resident of 100 Gardners Neck Rd. died Sunday at Charlton Memorial Hospital, Fall River. He was the husband of Phoebe (Soares) Duarte.

A charter member of the New England Boxing Association, he fought from 1912 to 1923, and had bouts throughout New England, Nova Scotia and Canada.

Until retiring in 1963, he worked as a truck driver for the Town of Rehoboth. Duarte was a member of the Tennessee Boys Club, and was a communicant of St. Dominic's Church.

Born in Brazil, son of the late Manuel and Phoebe (Mello) Duarte, he came to Fall River at an early age and lived in Rehoboth for 50 years before moving to Swansea in 1976.

Besides his wife, he leaves a son, David Duarte of Rehoboth; two daughters, Mrs. Marie June Toste of Rehoboth, and Mrs. Emily Furtado of Swansea; 10 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Interment was in Mt. Hope cemetery.