

Donald Weeks, 45, ex-S-T reporter

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Donald F. Weeks, 45, former Middleboro bureau chief for The Standard-Times, died last night at Morton Hospital in Taunton after suffering an apparent heart attack. He lived at 478 W. Britannia St., Taunton.

He was a lifelong Taunton resident, and was the widower of M. "Jenny" (LePage) Weeks, who died in 1977.

He attended Taunton schools and Bridgewater State College and was employed for 13 years at the Taunton Daily Gazette. Recently, he was employed at Nepco Inc. in telephone sales.

Mr. Weeks was employed by The Standard-Times from Sept. 13, 1965, to Oct. 14, 1975, and worked in the Middleboro bureau for most of his tenure. He also was a Fairhaven reporter for the newspaper in 1975.

Mr. Weeks was a well-known figure in the Middleboro area and for many years was a member of the town's Christmas Parade Committee.

He had an avid interest in nature and animals and prior to starting his career in journalism, his work included a position as a veterinarians' assistant at the Taunton Animal Hospital.

While there, he collaborated on a dog care booklet. He later worked three seasons as a nature instructor at Camp Yomechas, the YMCA Camp in Middleboro.

Mr. Weeks also was employed by



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radio stations in the Taunton area.

He attended St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Taunton.

Survivors include a son, Bradford T. Weeks, and a daughter, Mrs. Bruce J. (Margaret A.) Veras, both of Taunton; two brothers, Maurice of Rehoboth and Wallace of Warwick, R.I.; a grandchild; five sisters, Martha Mansfield, Virginia Sousa and Hilma Murphy, all of Taunton, and Ramona Silva and Bertha Miller, both of North Dighton.