WILLIAM WHITNEY

William J. Whitney, 78, of 77 Prescott Ave., Riverside, R.I. died Monday at Metacom Manor Nursing Home in Bristol, R.I. He was the husband of Ellen (Enos-Dias) Whitney.

A resident of Riverside since 1951, he had previously lived in Providence, R.I. and Taunton. He was a quarterback on Taunton Boys' Club football teams several years ago.

He was last employed as a dispatch inspector at Raytheon in North Dighton for 15 years, until his retirement in 1971.

He was born in Medford, son of the late William and Viola (Griffen) Whitney.

Surviving, in addition to his widow, Surviving, in addition to his widow, are two sons, William H. Whitney of Pawtucket, R.I. and Bruce J. Whitney of Rehoboth; four daughters, Nancy Lee McLaughlin of Wakefield, R.I., Beverly Ann Harris of Barrington, R.I., Patricia Jean Collins of Concord, N.H., and Rosemary Hastings of Providence; a sister Harriet Sarno of Saugus: 22 sister, Harriet Sarno of Saugus; 22 grandchildren; and three greatgrandchildren.