

Gordon A. Alvarnaz, 52, city firefighter, dies

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Taunton firefighter Gordon A. Alvarnaz of 25 Cherry St., the husband of Shirley L. (Fleck) Alvarnaz, died Sunday morning at Morton Hospital following a brief illness. He was 52.

Born and educated in Taunton, he was the son of Mrs. Rose (Medeiros) Alvarnaz of Taunton and the late Anthony S. Alvarnaz.

He was appointed to the Taunton Fire Department May 10, 1960, and was assigned to the Central Fire Station as the chief's car driver.

He was transferred to Ladder 3 at the Weir Fire Station Jan. 15, 1970, and remained at that post until the time of his death.

He was a member of Local 1391 of the International Association of Firefighters and the Portuguese-American Civic Club.

A U.S. Air Force veteran of the Korean War, he served as a staff sergeant with the 46th Air Rescue Squadron and was awarded the Korean Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal and the United

Nations Service Medal.

In addition to his duties at the fire department, he was employed part-time at Shaw's Supermarket and the former Brockton Public Market in Raynham for 17 years.

In addition to his wife and mother he leaves two sons, Gordon A. Alvarnaz Jr. and Duane P. Alvarnaz, both of Taunton; a brother, Paul J. Alvarnaz of Raynham; a granddaughter, Julie Anne Alvarnaz of Taunton; and several nieces and nephews.