

Atwood, former water superintendent, dead

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Ernest H. Atwood, 69, the first superintendent of the Dighton Water District, died today at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Brighton after a short illness. He was the husband of Helen E. Rose of 1304 Somerset Ave., Dighton, and 47 Buena Vista, Pocasset.

Born in Dighton, son of the late Herbert F. and Sadie (Hathaway) Atwood, he had lived in Dighton all his life. For the past five years he lived in both Pocasset and Dighton.

He retired in 1977 after working for 20 years as a construction contractor.

A former Dighton water commissioner, he was also a member of the town's first Planning Board. Many years ago, he was a member of the Dighton Volunteer Fire Department, and was a

reserve officer in the Dighton Police Department until 1955.

Besides his widow, he leaves three sons, Herbert F. Atwood and Ernest H. Atwood Jr., both of Dighton, and David Atwood of Berkley; two daughters, Mrs. John (Judith) Torres of Somerset and Eunice Dewsnap of Brookline.

Also, four brothers, Clayton H. Atwood of Hilton Head, S.C., Leslie I. Atwood and Clyde Atwood, both of Dighton, and Kenneth B. Atwood of Rehoboth; two sisters, Mrs. Russell (Madeline) Leonard of Dighton and Mrs. Albert (Maude) Barrows of Martha's Vineyard.

He also leaves nine grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and several nephews and nieces.