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JOSEPH J. BAPTISTE

FALL RIVER — Joseph J. "Lemons" Baptiste, 61, of 16 Plain St., a chauffeur for the state Department of Public Works, died Sunday at the Rose Hawthorne Lathrop Home after a lengthy illness.

The husband of Mary S. (Lopes) Baptiste, he worked for several years as a chauffeur-laborer before leaving due to illness.

Baptiste was active in various political campaigns throughout the city. A U.S. Army veteran of World War Two, he was a member of Rapoza-Knott Post No. 2094, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He was born in Taunton, son of the late Antone and Rose (Munise) Baptiste.

Besides his wife, he leaves two sons, Joseph J. and Paul A. Baptiste, both of Taunton; one daughter, Mrs. Kenneth (Shirley) Higgins of Middleboro; one brother, Manuel Baptiste of Middleboro.

Also four sisters, Mrs. Alice Messer, Mrs. Lucille Alves, and Mrs. Albert (Anna) Andrade, all of Taunton, and Mrs. Rose Smith of Woodbine, Ga.; and several nieces and nephews.