

## Obituaries

He was born in New Bedford and was a member of East Greenwich United Methodist Church. He was a trustee of the United Methodist Retirement Center, East Providence.

A retired lieutenant commander, he was a 1944 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy. His 20 years in the Navy included service in World War II and Korea, sea duty aboard several ships, and teaching assignments at Annapolis and Cornell University. He was discharged in June, 1964.

Survivors include his widow; his mother, Helen F. (Dunham) Bessette of Providence; two sons, Curtis S. of York Beach, Maine, and Michael E. of Madison, N.H.; a daughter, Linda E. Bessette, a senior at Dickinson College, Pennsylvania, and a granddaughter.

Funeral will be held tomorrow at the East Greenwich United Methodist Church, Main Street.

### A. Curtis Bessette

NORTH KINGSTOWN, R.I. — Prof. A. Curtis Bessette, 57, of 35 Fairfield Drive, chairman of the social science department at Rhode Island Junior College for 10 years, died Friday at Rhode Island Hospital after a long illness. He was the husband of Ella (Parks) Bessette.