

Obituaries

John Marsden, 35, ex-baseball star from Fairhaven

CONWAY, N.H. — John Derick Marsden, 35, a former standout pitcher for Fairhaven High School, Springfield College and the Boston Red Sox Winston-Salem, N.C., farm team, died Saturday as a result of an automobile accident.

Mr. Marsden was the husband of Linda (Theodore) Marsden. He died at Concord Hospital, Concord.

Mr. Marsden was a 1965 graduate of Fairhaven High School, after starring in both baseball and basketball. In 1969, he helped Springfield College to a 27-7 record and a fifth-place national ranking among small colleges.

After graduating from college, Marsden was signed by the Red Sox and assigned to their Class A team in Winston-Salem, where he was used again primarily in a relief role.

He was born in Middleboro and moved to North Conway in 1976 where he was employed by Hallsmith-Sysco Foods as their state representative.

Along with his baseball interests, Mr. Marsden was an avid golfer and the North Conway racquetball champion. He also won the New England Regional Racquetball Championships.

Survivors include his widow; his mother, Florence H. Marsden of Wareham; two daughters, Julie and Amy, both of North Conway; a brother, Robert E. Jr. of Middleboro; three sisters, Constance Winberg and Leila Savas, both of Lakeville, and Anne Jepson of Mattapoisett; and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangement are being made in New Hampshire.

William A. Drake

FREETOWN — William A. Drake, 79, of 72 Bullock Road, East Freetown, died yesterday after a long illness. He was the husband of Laura B. (Lawson) Drake.

He died at Brigham and Women's Hospital, Boston.

He was born in Plainfield, N.J., where he lived most of his life. He lived in East Freetown 11 years and was a member of Long Plain Methodist Church, Acushnet. He owned a service station until 1954. From 1954-71, he was a maintenance man at Lockheed Electronics, North Plainfield. He and his wife had cared for more than 80 foster children in New Jersey and Massachusetts.

Survivors include his widow; three sons, Richard A. of Manahawken, N.J., L. Jack of Piscataway, N.J., and Williams J. of Dunellen, N.J.; a daughter, Drusilla G. Ayers of East

Freetown; 10 grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Arrangements are by the Kirby Funeral Home, 61 Tarklin Hill Road, New Bedford.

Stanley W. Buba

NEW BEDFORD — Stanley W. Buba, 77, of New Bedford died unexpectedly yesterday at home. He was the widower of Marion E. (Phillips) Buba and son of the late Walter and Katherine (Jedrinick) Buba.

He was a lifelong New Bedford resident and a communicant of St. James Church. He was a carpenter in the New Bedford area.

Mr. Buba was a member of the Carpenters Union, Local 1416.

Survivors include a son, Stanley I. of New Bedford; a sister, Bertha Cournoyer of New Bedford; a granddaughter; and nieces and nephews.

Arrangements are by the Wilson Chapel, 479 County St.

Hazel Disbury

NEW BEDFORD — Hazel (Rogers) Disbury, of 670 County St. died Sunday after a long illness. She was the widow of William A. Disbury and daughter of the late Rodney L. and Jessie (Budd) Rogers.

She died at Savoy Convalescent Home.

She was born in Taunton and lived in New Bedford many years.

Mrs. Disbury graduated from New Bedford High School.

Survivors include a daughter, Alicia Hemmalin of Providence; two sisters, Eunice Thompson of Wareham and Arlene Soule of Miami, Fla.; and three grandchildren.

Arrangements are by the Wilson Chapel, 479 County St.

Lionel P. Sylvia

PROVIDENCE — Lionel P. "Leo" Sylvia, 70, of Field Street, New Bedford, died yesterday after a brief illness. He was the son of the late Antone P. and Mary (Medeiros) Sylvia.

He died at Davis Park Veterans Administration Hospital.

He was a communicant of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church and formerly was a supervisor at the Pairpoint Corp.

Mr. Sylvia served in the Army during World War II and was a member of the American Legion, Post 1.

Survivors include his niece, Helen P. Sylvia, with whom he lived; two sisters, Mary Aguiar of New Bedford and Stella Veiga of Hanford, Calif.; a brother, Joseph P. Sylvia of New Bedford; and several other nieces and nephews.

Arrangements are by the Perry Funeral Home, 111 Dartmouth St., New Bedford.