

Obituaries

Richard Bielefeld, former meter department chief

NEW BEDFORD — Richard J. Bielefeld, 89, a former city messenger and Parking Meter Department head, died Saturday after a brief illness. Formerly a resident of 135 Butler St., he was the husband of Theresa (Smith) Bielefeld, and the son of the late Richard J. and Jane (O'Shaughnessy) Bielefeld.

He died at the Sacred Heart Home.

Mr. Bielefeld was born in St. Louis and lived in New Bedford for more than 65 years.

He served in the Navy, retiring as a chief warrant officer in 1946 after 30 years. He then worked as city messenger from 1937-41. He later worked for the city's Parking Meter Department, retiring in 1962.

A World War I and II Veteran, Mr. Bielefeld was a charter member of the Joseph Waldron Barracks, a member of the Whaling City Post 3196, and a member of the Paskamansett Lodge, AF & AM for more than 50 years.

Survivors include his widow; a son, Richard E. of New Bedford; a grandson; and two great-grandchildren.

Arrangements are by the Donaghy Funeral Home, 465 County St.

Robert Cipollini

FALL RIVER — Robert Cipollini, 50, of 351 Woodman St. died yesterday. He was the husband of Lillian (Bowden) Cipollini.

He died at St. Anne's Hospital.

He was born in Fall River and was the son of the late Casimiro Cipollini Sr. and Mary Eleanor (Andrew) Cipollini.

Mr. Cipollini was a member of the East End Sportsman's Club, the Mapleroot Babe Ruth League and the Bayside Little League, of which he was a former president, manager and coach. He was a mechanic for the Duro Finishing Co. before retiring in 1981 due to illness.

Survivors include his widow; a daughter, Robin Sedoma of Fall River; three sons, Robert C. of Fall River and John and James M. Pacheco, both of Assonet; two brothers, Casimiro Jr. of Fall River and Thomas F. of Taunton; two sisters, Theresa Chace of Fall River and Shirley Lessard of Enfield, Conn.; and seven grandchildren.

Arrangements are by the Auclair Funeral Home, 690 S. Main St.

William T. Holmstrom

NEW BEDFORD — William T. "Red" Holmstrom, 57, of 47 Valentine St. died at home Saturday after a long illness. He was the husband of Marjorie Holmstrom.

He was a lifelong New Bedford resident and a communicant of St. James Church. He was a wholesale snack food distributor operating under the family name.

Mr. Holmstrom served with the Navy during World War II. He served as a Navy Corpsman attached to the Marines 155 Howitzer Battalion on Iwo Jima and received a bronze star. He was a graduate of the former New Bedford Textile Institute, and Providence College.

Survivors include his widow; two sons, William Jr., and Michael P., both of South Dartmouth; three daughters, Heidi Louro, Wendy Holmstrom and Holly Holmstrom, all of New Bedford; two brothers, George of New Bedford and Albin of Fairhaven; a sister, Mary Dufresne of New Bedford; and three grandchildren.

Arrangements are by the Fairlawn Mortuary, 180 Washington St., Fairhaven.

Mary E. Murphy

DARTMOUTH — Mary "Mae" E. (Lenhart) Murphy, 88, of 83C Seabreeze Drive, South Dartmouth died unexpectedly yesterday at home. She was the widow of Daniel A. Murphy, proprietor of the former D.A. Murphy Plumbing and Heating Co.

She was born in New Bedford, was a lifelong New Bedford area resident and a communicant of St. Mary Church in South Dartmouth.

Survivors include a daughter, Mary E. Murphy of Rockville, Md.; a son, Robert of Marshfield Hills; and two grandchildren.

Arrangements are by the Daniel F. Dwyer Funeral Home, 127 Chestnut St., New Bedford.