

ANTONE DEGOUVEIA

Antone "Champ" DeGouveia, 70, of 169 High St., a well-known area boxer in the 1930s and '40s, died Saturday at Morton Hospital after a long illness.

A lifelong resident of Taunton, he was the son of the late Antonio and Andressa (Neves) DeGouveia, and the husband of Sophie (Banus) DeGouveia.

He worked as a roller for New England Brass for 32 years until retiring six years ago. He was a communicant of St. Mary's Church and a member of the St. Peter's Society.

DeGouveia began his boxing career as an amateur fighter under the colors of the Weir Athletic Club, fighting in the welterweight division. Fighting in four and six round bouts, he was known to fans as a good "curtain raiser."

He turned pro in 1933 and fought until 1948 in over 200 fights, usually as a card opener.

A Gazette story about DeGouveia in April 1964 said boxing followers nicknamed him "The Champ," a name he wore with pride, and although he never held a world or sectional title, "he was a true Champ as no fighter ever had more courage."

Besides his wife, he leaves a son, Richard DeGouveia of Taunton; five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

CLARA DUARTE

Clara (Fitta) Duarte, 80, of Presbrey Heights Apartments, 26 Presbrey Court, died Sunday morning at Morton Hospital after a brief illness. She was the wife of the late Antonio J. Duarte.

Born in St. Michael, Azores, she was the daughter of the late Joseph R. and Rose (Medeiros) Duarte.

She was employed for many years as a benchworker for the former Pearl Works. She was also employed for several years at Hilsinger Company in Plainville and retired from there in 1964.

Mrs. Duarte came to Taunton in 1904 as an infant and was educated in Taunton public schools.

She was a communicant of Our Lady of Lourdes Church and belonged to the Holy Ghost Society, the Portuguese Continental Union, "Corte Real" Lodge 7, the Golden Age Seniors and the Weir Seniors.

She leaves four brothers, Hurbon R. Fitta and Frank R. Fitta, both of Fall River; John R. Fitta of Raynham; and Ernest R. Fitta of Somerset; one sister, Mrs. Charles (Hilda) Rebello of Taunton; and several nieces and nephews and grand-nieces and grand-nephews.

ALAN J. CAMPBELL

NEW BEDFORD — Alan J. Campbell, 76, of 8 Northfield Lane, North Dartmouth, a prominent New Bedford area stockbroker, died Friday at Parkwood Hospital. He was the husband of Aloyse E. (Cunha) Campbell.

Born in Worcester, he was raised in Taunton, where he graduated from Taunton High School. In the mid-1920s he moved to New Bedford, where he lived most of his life.

He worked for the firm of Ticker, Anthony and R.L. Lay for 54 years, and was manager of its New Bedford office when he retired several years ago.

He was a former member of the Wamsutta Club, the Power Squadron, The Coast Guard Auxiliary of Fairhaven, and the Knights of Columbus McMahon Council.

In 1949 he was listed in the Blue Book of Who's Who in the East. He participated in the formation of the New Bedford Harbor Development Commission in the late 1950s, having been appointed by Mayor Francis Lawler.

Besides his wife, he leaves two sons, Alan Campbell of North Dartmouth and John J. Campbell of West Harwich; a daughter, Nancy Ann Schwartz of Charleston, S.C.; two sisters, Margaret Gillis of New Bedford and Mary Reynolds of San Jose, Ca.; eight grandchildren and one great-grandson.

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