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MANUEL L. FRANCIS

FALL RIVER — Manuel L. "Base" Francis, 58, of 516 Main St., Dighton, a retired forklift operator at the Harodite Finishing Company in North Dighton, died yesterday following a lengthy illness. He was the husband of Mary H. (Dutra) Francis.

Born in Bristol, R.I., he was the son of the late Manuel and Mary (Gonsalves) Francis and had lived in Dighton for the past 50 years.

A communicant of St. Peter's Church in Dighton, he retired from the Harodite Finishing Company 14 years ago.

He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and was a member of the VFW Raposa-Knott Post 2094 of North Dighton. Also, he was a member of the BPO Elks Lodge 150 of Taunton.

Besides his wife, he is survived by a son, Michael J. of Dighton, and three daughters, Valarie Francis of Taunton, Mrs. Sam (Dorothy) DelSignore of Rehoboth and Michelle M. Francis of Dighton.

Also, he leaves three granddaughters, a niece and a nephew.