

**John Fernandes** 8/29/81

NEW BEDFORD — John Fernandes, 80, of Baker Lane, Lakeville, formerly of 115 Dunbar St., New Bedford, died yesterday. He was the widower of Evangelina (Medeiros) and Gracinda (Gondim) Fernandes.

He died at Bristol Nursing Home.

Born in Valenca do Minho, Portugal, he lived most of his life in the New Bedford area and was a communicant of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church.

He was a retired stationary fireman at the Gosnold Mills and had also worked for local steamship authorities.

Survivors include a daughter, Maria Oliveira of Lakeville; a sister, Aurora Rodrigues of Portugal, six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

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

**Eric Gracia** 8/29/81

DARTMOUTH — Eric Gracia, 14, of 72 Old Fall River Road, North Dartmouth, died yesterday of injuries received in an accident on a dirt motorcycle. He was the son of John and Beatrice (Costa) Gracia.

Born in New Bedford, he lived in Dartmouth all of his life and was a communicant of St. Julie Church. Gracia was a June graduate of the Dartmouth Middle School.

Surviving, besides his parents, are two sisters, Sandra Jones of Miami, Fla., Mary Ellen Gracia of North Dartmouth; two brothers, Kenneth of Long Island, N.Y. and Matthew of North Dartmouth; and his paternal grandmother, Mrs. Antonio B. Gracia of New Bedford.

Arrangements are by the Aubertine Funeral Home, 129 Allen St., New Bedford.

**Maria Martins** 8/29/81

NEW BEDFORD — Maria (Pereira) Martins, 68, of Fairmount St., died Thursday after a long illness. She was the widow of Jose T. Martins.

She died at St. Luke's Hospital.

Born in St. Michael, Azores, she lived in New Bedford for 12 years and was a communicant of St. John the Baptist Church. She formerly was employed by Cameo Curtains as a stitcher.

Survivors include a son, Miguel T. of New Bedford; three daughters, Eduarda T. Rodrigues of Hamilton, Ontario, Canada and Hilda Pavao of St. Michael, and Gabriela Martins of New Bedford; two brothers, Antonio Tavares and Gabriel Tavares, both of New Bedford; a sister, Candida Pereira of Fall River, and seven grandchildren.

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