

OBITUARIES

Charles A. Cayer

NEW BEDFORD — Charles A. Cayer, 22, of 162 Aquidneck St. drowned accidentally yesterday off East Rodney French Beach, New Bedford. He was the son of Norman and Claire (Fontaine) Cayer.

He was born in New Bedford where he was a lifelong resident. He was a communicant of St. Anne Church. He was employed by Fontaine Plumbing and Heating at 954 Brock Avenue in association with his father.

Mr. Cayer was a member of the Low Tide Yacht Club of New Bedford. He was a 1979 graduate of Holy Family High School and received an associate's degree from Roger Williams College in 1981.

Survivors include his parents; his paternal grandparents, Jules and Virginia (Fontaine) Cayer of East Freetown; two brothers, Robert of Stoneham and Paul of Martha's Vineyard; and two sisters, Louise Cruz of Quantico, Va., and Julie of New Bedford.

Arrangements are by the Lamoureux Funeral Home, 177 Cove St., New Bedford.

Charles J. Souza

ACUSHNET — Charles J. Souza, 65, of 8 Burt St. died yesterday after a long illness. He was the husband of Rose (Alfonse) Souza.

He died at St. Luke's Hospital, New Bedford.

He was born in New Bedford and was a lifelong area resident. He was a communicant of Our Lady of Fatima Church.

Mr. Souza was a rubber worker at Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co. until retiring.

He served with the Army during World War II and was a member of the Loyal Order of Moose and the Portuguese American Veterans.

Survivors include his widow; two sons, Charles F. of Acushnet and Douglas G. of Wilmington, N.C.; a daughter, Sandra M. Soucy of Acushnet; two brothers, James De Souza of Pawtucket, R.I. and Manuel De Souza of New Bedford; and four grandchildren.

Arrangements are by the Rock Funeral Home, 1295 Ashley Blvd., New Bedford.

Mary G. Mello

NEW BEDFORD — Mary G. Mello, 59, of 415 County St. died unexpectedly Saturday. She was the daughter of the late Edmond and Clara (Goulart) Mello.

She died at home.

She was born in New Bedford, attended local schools and was a communicant of Immaculate Conception Church.

Survivors include cousins.

Arrangements are by the Boulevard Funeral Home, 223 Ashley Blvd.

Benjamin T. Stowell

ACUSHNET — Benjamin T. Stowell, 68, of 922 Middle Road died yesterday at St. Luke's Hospital, New Bedford, after a brief illness. He was the widower of Natalie M. (Gifford) Stowell.

Born in New Bedford, he lived in Lawrence for several years before returning to New Bedford about 2½ years ago. He was employed as a bakery salesman until his retirement.

Survivors include a daughter, Barbara Brown of Maryland; two brothers, Lester of North Blackpool, England, and Donald of Tifton, Ga.; a sister, Mary F. Renfro of Tifton; three grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

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

Walter B. Silva

WAREHAM — Walter B. Silva, 72, of 7 Mattos Ave. died Saturday after a short illness. He was the husband of Adeline (Lomba) Silva.

He died at Tobey Hospital.

He was born in Wareham and was a lifelong resident. He was a laborer for the Ocean Spray Cranberry Co., and a communicant of St. Patrick's Church.

Survivors include his widow; three sons, Manuel Silva of Wareham, Walter Silva Jr., stationed with the Navy in San Francisco, and Samuel Nunes of New Bedford; three daughters, Sylvia Andrews and Catherine Silva, both of Wareham, and Mary Ann Figueroa of Onset; four foster children; Beatrice, Margaret, and Joseph Nunes of New Bedford and Manuel Nunes of Boston; one sister, Anna Andrade of Wareham; 14 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Arrangements are by the Stott Funeral Home, 332 Main St.

Michael R. Dziordz

NEW BEDFORD — Michael R. Dziordz, 67, of Taber Mill Apartments, formerly of 285 Davis St., died unexpectedly yesterday. He was the widower of Jane A. (Szczebanik) Dziordz.

He died at home.

He was a lifelong New Bedford resident and a communicant of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church. He was a machine operator at Morse Cutting Tools until retiring.

He was a World War II Army veteran, and a member of the Polish-American Veterans.

Survivors include a daughter, Kathleen Scotland of North Dartmouth; a son, Walter of Washington, D.C.; and three grandchildren.

Arrangements are by the Silva-Carrier Funeral Home, 287 Sawyer St.

Forrest O. Burris

NEW BEDFORD — Private funeral services were scheduled to be held this morning for Forrest O. Burris, 55, of 314 Coffin Ave., who died unexpectedly Friday.

He was born in McGehee, Ark., and lived in the New Bedford area for many years and was a packer for the National Silver Co.

Mr. Burris was an Air Force veteran, retiring more than 20 years ago as a technical sergeant.

Survivors include his mother, Lena (Spurlin) Payne of McGehee, Ark.; four sisters, Jeanette Butler of New Bedford, Marie Ashworth of Sacramento, Calif.; and Mildred Stutts of Kansas City, Missouri, and Alice White of Freeport, Texas; and two brothers, Clyde Burris of McGehee and Arlis Burris of Shreveport, La.

Arrangements were by the Saunders Funeral Home, 495 Park St., New Bedford.

Evangelina Baptista

NEW BEDFORD — Evangelina Baptista, 82, formerly of North Front Street, died yesterday after a brief illness.

She died at Bristol Nursing and Convalescent home.

She was a lifelong city resident and a communicant of St. Anthony Church. She formerly was a weaver in local textile mills.

Survivors include two brothers, John Baptista of East Freetown and Antone Baptista of New Bedford.

Arrangements are by the Chausse-Dumont Funeral Home, 1325 Acushnet Ave.