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Edmund A. Raposa, Harriet Raposa

FALL RIVER — Edmund A. Raposa, 52, and his wife, Harriet Raposa, 50, died Monday at their home in what police believe was a murder-suicide. They lived at 34 Lewin St.

Mrs. Raposa was born in Fall River, daughter of Anthony Constance of Fall River and the late Edith (Hinckley) Constance. She was associated with the Independent Living Research Project at the Highland Heights housing project for the elderly and handicapped.

She was a receptionist at the Cherry Place Home of Waring-Ash-ton-Coughlin-D.D. Sullivan-Driscoll. She was a member and former president of the Garden Club of Fall River and also had worked with special needs students from the Kuss Middle School in the Junior Gardening Club.

Mrs. Raposa was a secretary of the Paskamansett Bud Club and had been active with her husband in the restoration and preservation of the Lafayette-Durfee House.

Mr. Raposa was born in Fall River,

son of Mary (Alves) Raposa of Fall River and the late Firmino Raposa. He began working for the city tree department after graduating from Durfee High School in 1950 and had continued studies in horticulture and related fields throughout his career. He was a member of the Paskamansett Bud Club, the Bay State Beagle Club, the Fall River Conservation Commission and the Horticultural Society. He was soon to be promoted to assistant commissioner of the Parks, Cemeteries & Recreation Department.

Survivors include four daughters, Lynda Gagnon of Encinitos, Calif., Kathleen Riley of Boston, Caroline B. Raposa of New Bedford and Jennifer Raposa of Fall River; five grandchildren; Mrs. Raposa's father and a brother, Edward Constance of Miami; and Mr. Raposa's mother and a brother, Firmino Raposa of Fall River.

Arrangements are by the Cherry Place Home of Waring-Ash-ton-Coughling-D.D. Sullivan-Driscoll, 178 Winter St.

Mary Ortize

NEW BEDFORD — Private funeral services were to be held this afternoon for Mary (Perry) Ortize, 63, of Washburn St. who died unexpectedly yesterday at home. She was the daughter of the late Manuel and Mercedes (Costa) Perry.

She was born and lived in New Bedford most of her life. She was employed as a stitcher until her retirement many years ago.

Survivors include a brother, John of New Bedford, and two sisters, Mary Botelho of North Dartmouth and Mercedes Murray of New Bedford.

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

John E. Murphy

MIDDLEBORO — John E. Murphy, 79, of Shaw Retirement Home died yesterday. He was the widower of Grace (Gurney) Murphy.

He died at St. Luke's Hospital.

He was born in Haverhill and lived most of his life in Walpole before moving to this area eight years ago. He was employed by Massachusetts General Hospital (Phillips House) as a male nurse until his retirement.

There are no immediate survivors.

Arrangements are by the Rock Funeral Home, 1285 Ashley Blvd., New Bedford.