Virginia Nelson, 88

Virginia (Augusta) Nelson, 88, of 26 Oak St., New Bedford, died yesterday at St. Luke's Hospital after a long illness. She was the widow of Joseph Nelson Jr.

A lifelong New Bedford area resident, she was a communicant of St. John the Baptist Church.

She is survived by three daughters, Edna Tavares of South Dartmouth, Florence Espinola and Phyliss Nelson, both of New Bedford; a sister, Bertha Normandin of North Dartmouth; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements are by the Perry Funeral Home, 111 Dartmouth St., New Bedford.