

Obituaries

Brothers were active in sports

M. Michael Butler, 18, and his only brother, John A. Butler, 17, both of whom died last night on their way home after watching a state high school basketball tournament final in Boston, were active and successful in organized high school sports.

Born in Honolulu, Hawaii, they were the sons of Joan (Silva) Butler of Taunton and Marion M. Butler of Honolulu, and resided at 507 Somerset Ave. with their mother.

Michael was pronounced dead at the scene of the automobile crash on Rte. 128 in Braintree, while John died shortly after arrival at Quincy City Hospital, Quincy.

Both were students at Coyle-Cassidy Memorial High School. Michael, a senior, was interested in science and biology and had been accepted at Providence College, Assumption College and the University of Massachusetts. He would

have started college in the fall.

He was a lineman on the Coyle-Cassidy football team, a forward on the school's basketball team and a pitcher on the Warrior's baseball team.

John was a back on the football team, a forward on the basketball team, and a member of the Coyle-Cassidy track team.

Both young men attended St. Mary's School and graduated from the Taunton Catholic Middle School — Michael in 1981 and John in 1982. They were communicants of Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

In addition to their parents, they leave their maternal grandfather, John Silva Jr. of Daytona, Fla.; their paternal grandparents, Marion and Florence (Williams) Butler of Sanford, Fla.; an aunt, Dorothea Silva of North Dighton; and a great-aunt, Mary C. Varella of Taunton.

DELLA L. BLEVINS

Della L. Blevins, 77, of 1½ Fourth Ave., died at Morton Hospital today following a lengthy illness. She was the widow of Henry C. Blevins.

Daughter of the late John and Katherine (Krason) Ciolkosz, she was educated in the Taunton school system and was a lifelong resident of this city.

She was a communicant of Holy Rosary Church.

Survivors include two sons, Theodore H. Blevins and Gordon W. Blevins, both of Taunton; three daughters, Mrs. Norman D. (Joyce D.) DeMello of Raynham, Mrs. Lincoln A. (Judith A.) DeMoura of Taunton, and Mrs. Leonard (Jackelyn J.) Courschesne of Brewster; a sister, Lena Ciolkosz of Marshfield; and several nieces and nephews.

ANTHONY SILVA

BOSTON — Anthony Silva, 49, of 16 East Britannia St., formerly of Dighton Avenue, Taunton, died this morning at Massachusetts General Hospital after a long illness.

Born in Taunton, he was the son of Anna (Casmeyro) Rocha and the late Antone Silva.

He was employed as an engineering technician at Texas Instruments in Mansfield, where he has been employed for the past 15 years.

He was a former communicant of St. Anthony's Church in Taunton.

He leaves his mother; his stepfather, Raymond J. Rocha of Taunton; two sons, Mark A. Silva of Taunton and Michael R. Silva of the United States Coast Guard, stationed at Panama City, Fla.; one daughter, Lisa M. Silva of Bridgewater; two sisters, Mrs. Edward (Lillian) Crowninshield of Taunton and Mrs. Clifford (Beatrice) Walton of East Taunton; several aunts and uncles, and several nieces and nephews.

MANUEL J. MEDEIROS

SEEKONK—Manuel J. Medeiros, 73, formerly of Pine Street, a school bus driver for the town for 17 years until retiring in 1979, died Monday in the Pleasant Manor Nursing Home in Attleboro.

Born in Taunton, and a Seekonk resident for 38 years, he was son of the late Manuel J. and Mildred (Vieira) Medeiros.

He leaves a brother, David Medeiros of Port Richie, Fla.; and eight sisters, Rose Law of Port

Richie, Fla., Alice Barton of Paradise, Calif., Elsie Tomlin of Loma Linda, Calif., Rosalind Arago of Seekonk, Elizabeth Mello of Fall River, Anna Cabral of Warwick, R. I., Ruth Girasole of Cranston, R. I. and Marie Combs of Fort Worth, Tex.

3/14/85 AUGUSTINE CORREIA JR. TG

Augustine Correia Jr., 61, of 90 Middleboro Ave., East Taunton, husband of Marilyn E. (Morse) Correia, died Tuesday of a heart attack in his car behind Mulhern's Pharmacy on Broadway.

Dr. William H. Bennett Jr., state medical examiner, said an autopsy showed the cause of death as heart attack.

Born in Fall River, he was the son of the late Augustine and Dianne (Carvalho) Correia. Educated in Fall River schools, he lived in Taunton for the past 23 years.

A U.S. Navy veteran of World War Two, he worked as a dress pressor for many years at the Taunton Dress Company.

Besides his widow, he is survived by one son, Mark J. Correia of East Taunton; two sisters, Mrs. John (Frances) Antone of Fall River and Mrs. Irene Ozug of Fall River; one brother, John Correia of Taunton; and several nieces and nephews.

3/26/85 VIRGINIA SANTOS TG

Virginia Barbara (Ashley) Zeitler Santos, 60, of 458 North Main St., Raynham, died Saturday evening at Rhode Island Hospital after a long illness. She was the wife of Antonio Santos.

Born in Taunton, she was the daughter of the late Ernest and Hazel (Davidson) Ashley.

She was employed at Texas Instruments of Attleboro for many years as an assembler. She was previously employed by G.B. Balfour Co. of Attleboro.

She was a communicant of Pilgrim Congregational Church and a member of Ashley's of America.

Besides her husband, she leaves one daughter, Mrs. Roger (Charlene) Sisson of Raynham; two brothers, Malcolm Ashley of Lakeville and LeRoy Ashley of Middleboro; one half-sister, Mrs. Thomas (Mildred) Chase of Freetown; one grandson, Roger Sisson Jr. of Raynham; and several nieces and nephews.