

JOHN J. SILVIA 79

John J. Silvia, 88, of 188 Berkley St., father-in-law of the late Taunton Mayor Rudolph H. DeSilva, died late Wednesday afternoon at Morton Hospital following a short illness.

He was the husband of the late Rose (Lewis) Silvia.

Born in Taunton, he was son of the late Manuel and Anna (Costa) Silvia, and a communicant of Sacred Heart Church.

Silvia was a private in the Ninth Company Infantry Militia, the first company out of Taunton to be activated during World War One.

He worked for 30 years as an iron moulder for Glenwood Range Co., and was also employed at New Jersey Rubber Co. for several years until his retirement, 21 years ago.

He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Ben F. (Agnes) Kottmann and Mrs. Rudolph H. (Rose) DeSilva, both of Taunton, and a sister, Mrs. Clara L. Silvia, also of Taunton.

He also leaves five grandchildren, Mrs. Sylvia Kottmann Foster of Taunton and Matapoisett; Lt. j.g. David M. DeSilva, U.S.N., stationed in Japan, and Eric J. DeSilva, Brian D. DeSilva, and Lisa A. DeSilva, all of Taunton, along with three great grandchildren.