

# Farmer, selectman Silvia dies at 76

Joseph Rego Silvia, 76, of  
214 South St. East, Raynham,



JOSEPH R. SILVIA

former Dighton selectman and president of the board at Bristol County Agricultural School, died Sunday afternoon shortly after his arrival at Morton Hospital.

He was the husband of Mary (Raposa) Silvia. A self-employed vegetable and dairy farmer, he ran Silvia Farm on Milk Street, Dighton, for many years.

Silvia was a member of the Dighton Board of Selectmen and also served as its chairman. He was a member and president of the Bristol County Agricultural School Board of Trustees.

In addition to his farming business, he was a sales representative for the International Mineral Corporation.

Following his retirement, he was employed part-time as a salesman for North Eastern Petroleum Company, Hanover and Knapp Shoe Company, and Magna Magic Car and Truck Signs.

Born in Swansea, son of the late Joseph R. and Maria (Rosa) Silvia, he was educated in Somerset schools. He was a communicant of Holy Family Church, East Taunton.

In addition to his widow, he leaves four daughters, Mrs. John (Florence) Slusarz and Mrs. Serafim (Josephine) Ferreira, both of Taunton; Mrs. Marjorie Ormonde of Mansfield, and Mrs. Christy (Lorraine) Thomas of Sharon; two brothers, Edward R. Silvia of Somerset, and Marion R. Silvia of Dighton.

Also, four sisters, Mrs. Mary Roderick of Fall River; Mrs. Mildred Rebello of Dighton; Mrs. Gertrude Rezendes of Taunton, and Mrs. Michael (Florence) Zagaja of Somerset; and six grandchildren, Joseph M. Ormonde Jr., Gabriel Moitoza, Mrs. Debra MacDonald, Mary-Jo Ferreira, Mark Ormonde, and Matthew Ormonde.