Louis G. Sylvia 45 8 ) Louis G. Sylvia, 76, formerly of 47

Calumet St., New Bedford, died yesterday after a long illness. He was the husband of Mary M. (McGladdery) Sylvia. He was a lifelong New Bedford

resident and a communicant of St. James Church. He joined the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. in 1931 as an agent and founded the Louis G. Sylvia and Sons Insurance Agency. Inc. in 1950. He remained president of the firm, located at 501 Rockdale Ave., until his retirement in 1971. The business is now run by his son, Vincent P. Sylvia.

A member of the St. James Senior Citizens, he was a professional musician who played the saxaphone and clarinet with local orchestras.

He and his wife would have observed their 56th wedding anniversary next Wednesday.

Survivors include his widow; two sons, Vincent P. of South Dartmouth and Louis G. Jr. of Macon. Mo., and eight grandchildren.

Arrangements are by the Donaghy Funeral Home, County and Morgan

Streets, New Bedford.