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**Maria E. Sousa**

BRISTOL — Miss Maria E. Sousa, 80, of 31 Rock St. died yesterday at Rhode Island Hospital.

Born in Cahleates, St. Michael, Azores, she was a daughter of the late Manuel T. and Maria C. (Botelho) Sousa. She lived in Bristol 65 years.

She worked as a spark tester at the U.S. Rubber Company for 20 years, retiring in 1962.

Miss Sousa was a communicant of St. Elizabeth's Church and a member of the Holy Rosary Sodality of the parish.

She leaves a sister, Mrs. Herminia S. Almeida of Bristol.

The funeral will be held Tuesday at 8 a.m. from the George C. Lima Funeral Home, 367 High St., with a Mass of Christian Burial at 9 in St. Elizabeth's Church. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery.