

Birtwell Stafford

FALL RIVER — Birtwell Stafford, 81, of 4700 N. Main St., who was active in the insurance and real estate business in Fall River for more than 50 years, died at home Monday. He was the husband of Dorothy L. (Borden) Stafford.

He was born in Fall River, and was the former president of the John F. Stafford Insurance Co. and of the Fall River Board of Realtors. He also was a member of several civic organizations.

Mr. Stafford was a 32nd-degree Mason, a member of the Massachusetts Consistory and a life member of several Masonic organizations.

He was a member of the Azab Grotto and the Fall River Lodge of Elks.

He was a former incorporator of the Citizens Savings Bank and a former president of the Fall River Country Club, the YMCA and the Chamber of Commerce. He was a member of Union United Methodist Church and its men's club. He also was a member of the board of directors of the Deaconess Home.

Survivors include his widow; three daughters, Nancy Boston of Falmouth, Linda Moniz of Union, N.J., and Suzanne Perkins of Missoula, Mont.; a stepdaughter, Patricia Sledt of Fall River; a stepson, Sidney L. Buffington of New York City; 10 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.