

Obituaries

Sylvia dies; owned transportation firm

James Sylvia, 80, of 27 Godfrey St. died at his home Tuesday morning after a long illness. He was the husband of the late Lena (Mello) Sylvia.

Well known in the area as the founder of the J. Sylvia Trucking Co., Inc., he was born in North Dighton and lived most of his life in Taunton.

His business began as a one-truck coal delivery service in 1928; and grew to be one of the largest trucking companies in the New England area, with 65 dump trucks on the road.

An innovative businessman, Sylvia was the first trucker in the area to have Diesel-powered tractors used exclusively for the transportation of road-building

materials. The company was involved in the construction of Routes 24, 195, and 495, as well as in numerous interstate and intrastate projects in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, and New York.

Son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Sylvia, he was a long-time communicant of Our Lady of Lourdes Church. He was a member of Local 653 Teamsters of Brockton, and the American Trucking Association.

He leaves a son, James J. Sylvia of Rehoboth; a daughter, Mrs. Reginald (Jane) Caram Piechota of Taunton; and three grandchildren, James J. Sylvia of Cambridge, Bruce Caram of New Jersey, and Brenda (Caram) Olson of Taunton.

CAESAR WRIGHT

Caesar Everett Wright, 77, of 80 Cohannet St. died Tuesday at Morton Hospital, after a long illness. He was the husband of Katherine (Fernandes) Wright.

He was a truck driver with C.A. Hack and Son Co. on Court Street for over 40 years until semi-retiring at the age of 65. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, in which he served during World War Two.

He was born in Taunton, son of the late Nathan E. and Emma L. (Handy) Wright.

In addition to his widow, of Providence, R.I., he leaves a daughter, Emma Louise Almeida of Providence; two brothers, James Wright of New Bedford and John Wright of Boston; two sisters, Louise Hayden and Rachel Williams, both of New Bedford; two grandchildren; and two nephews.

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