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MANUEL SYLVIA

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — Manuel Perry Sylvia, 67, formerly of 207 Winthrop St., Taunton, Mass., died Saturday afternoon at the Veteran's Administration Medical Center following a long illness.

Born in Dighton, Mass., he was the son of the late Frank Perry and Agnes (Curado) Sylvia. He lived in Dighton until age 14 and then moved to Taunton.

He was the husband of Irene Marie (Gagnon) Webster.

He worked for many years as an auto body repairman for the former Matthew's Auto Body.

Before enlisting in the U.S. Army in 1941, he was well-known in the Taunton area as a big hitter in the Twilight Baseball league and was also a high scoring duckpin bowler.

A member of the Disabled American Veterans, he was one of a handful of survivors of the Battle of Oran, in which he fought with the 1st Armored Division During World War Two in the Tunisia Campaign.

He was awarded the Purple Heart, the European African Middle Eastern Theatre Service medal, and the Presidential Citation.

Besides his wife, he leaves a brother, George Perry of North Dighton; a sister, Mrs. William (Emmaline) Rose of Brockton; three nieces, Mrs. George (Mildred) Gil and Mrs. Albert (Madeline) Tavares, both of Taunton, and Mrs. Joseph (Nancy) Cormier of Wilmington, Mass.; five nephews, George Silvia and Richard Silvia, both of North Dighton, Mass., Frank Silvia of Brockton, Alfred Sylvia of Raynham and Robert Sylvia of Taunton.