

Mary Thomas

Resident of Somerset had received
Marian Medal from bishop in 1979

SOMERSET, Mass. — Mrs. Mary Thomas, 75, of 716 Brayton Ave., Somerset, a recipient of the Marian Medal, died Friday in Rhode Island Hospital. She was the widow of Frank S. Thomas.

Born in Santa Maria, Azores, Mrs. Thomas was the daughter of the late John and Maria C. (Andrade) Rezendes. For the last 70 years, Mrs. Thomas was a resident of Somerset.

Mrs. Thomas was presented the Marian Medal two years ago by the Most Rev. Daniel A. Cronin, Bishop of the Fall River Diocesan. She was a member of St. John of God Parish and was active in its Holy Rosary Sodality, Womens' Guild and Holy Ghost Committee.

She was also a member of the Portuguese American Civic League of Somerset, the Almy senior citizens and the Portuguese American Federation.

Mrs. Thomas leaves a daughter, Sister Frances Thomas, RSM, of Providence; four brothers, Joseph, John and Manuel Rezendes, all of Somerset and Mariano Rezendes of Assonet; and two sisters, Miss Rose Rezendes and Mrs. Elvira Gagnon, both of Somerset.

A funeral service will be held Tuesday at 8:45 a.m. from the Manuel Rogers and Sons Funeral Home, 1521 North Main St., Fall River. A concelebrated Mass will follow at 10 a.m. in St. John of God Church, Somerset.