

was a son of the late Joseph and Mary (Silvia) Francis. Prior to his retirement, he was employed as a carpenter for Gilbane Construction Co. in Providence, R. I.

He is survived by his wife, two sons, Joseph W. of Tiverton, R.I. and Edward J. of Portsmouth; two daughters, Mrs. Dorothy Lopes of Norton, Mass. and Mrs. Evelyn Mancini of Jacksonville, Fla.

He also leaves three brothers, Alfred of Middleboro, Mass., Lester of Pacific Grove, Cal. and John of Dighton, Mass.; a sister, Mrs. Louise Perry of East Taunton, Mass.; 10 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

#### FREDERIC F. SYLVIA

Frederic F. Sylvia, 75, of 166 School St., a former veterans' agent for the city, died Saturday at Morton Hospital, following a long illness. He was the husband of Angelina (Teixeira) Sylvia.

He was employed as the veterans' service agent at City Hall from 1946 until his retirement in 1966.

He was an Army veteran, having served during World War Two with Company B, 115th Infantry Regiment, in the battles of Northern France and the Rhineland.

He was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in action, and the European Africa Middle Eastern Theatre Campaign Ribbon with two service stars.

He was a communicant of St. Anthony's Church, and a member of St. Peter's Society; Taunton Lodge 150, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; the Por-

tuguese American Civic Club; Post 103, American Legion; Post 611, Veterans of Foreign Wars; and Cpl. Reardon Post 57, Disabled American Veterans.

Son of the late Manuel and Maria (Butler) Sylvia, he was a native and lifelong resident of Taunton, and was educated in Taunton schools.

In addition to his widow, he leaves a sister, Mary F. Sylvia of Taunton, and several nephews and nieces.

#### EVA A. TRAVIS

Eva A. (Eddy) Travis, 75, of 139 High St. died Sunday at her home, following a long illness. She was the wife of Herbert C. Travis.

Before her retirement, she was an assembly line worker at the former Armour Bronze Co. and the former Raytheon Co. plant. She was a member of the CARES group of Coppercraft Guild.

Born in Free-town, she had resided in Taunton most of her life. She was the daughter of the late Albert O. and Grace A. (Bismore) Eddy.

In addition to her husband, she leaves two sons, Robert C. Travis of South Easton and Raymond A. Travis of Taunton; three daughters, Mrs. Arthur (Grace) Castle of Rehoboth, Mrs. Stephen (Shirley) Lengyel of Taunton, and Mrs. Manuel (Barbara) Botelho of Dighton; 16 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and several nephews and nieces.

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**JOSEPH FRANCIS**  
NEWPORT, R. I. — Joseph Francis, 83, husband of Florence (Wilson) Francis, of 136 Islington Ave., Portsmouth, R.I., died Sunday at Newport Hospital, following a long illness. Born in Dighton, Mass., he