

Obituaries

Accident victim was known in boxing as 'Wee Willie'

William P. Gomes, who was struck by a car in Lakeville Wednesday and died shortly afterwards at St. Luke's Hospital in Middleboro, was a resident of 124 Main St., Lakeville. Husband of the late Elsie R. (Charron)

Gomes, he was 77. He was a truck driver for C.P. Washburn Co., was formerly employed by Middleboro Casket Co., and had raised greyhounds for the past 40 years.

Under the name "Wee Willie," he fought as a bantam-weight boxer for Billy Church. His career encompassed over 185 fights.

He was a member of the Men's Bowling League of Lakeville.

Born in Middleboro, he was the son of the late Joseph and Mary (Correia) Gomes.

Survivors include a son, William E. Gomes of Lakeville; two daughters, Elsie J. Smith of Lakeville and Esther M. Clemmey of Taunton; six brothers, Louis Gomes of Nevada, Alfred Gomes, Arthur Gomes, Kenneth Gomes, and Roy Gomes, all of Middleboro, and Francis Gomes of Taunton; three sisters, Helen Nutting and Carolyn Zion, both of Middleboro, and Rose Ketchell of Florida; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

MARIA TAVARES

Maria C. (Narciso) Tavares of 54 Plain St. died Monday shortly after arrival at Morton Hospital, where she was taken after being stricken at home. Widow of Manuel N. Tavares, she was 81.

A resident of Taunton for the past three years, she was a communicant of Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

She was born in St. Michael's, Azores, daughter of the late Joao and Maria (daLuz) Narciso.

Surviving are two sons, Joseph Narciso and Manuel Narciso, both of Toronto, Canada; three daughters, Mrs. Serafim (Maria) Teixeira of St. Michael, Mrs. Jose (Maria Eduarda) Motta of New Bedford, and Mrs. Joao (Maria da Luz) Rego of Taunton, with whom she resided; and nine grandchildren.

ANTONIO TEIXEIRA

Antonio Teixeira, 80, of 30 Washington St., died this morning at Morton Hospital, following a lengthy illness. He was the husband of Gorgina (Ornellas) Teixeira.

A resident of Taunton for the past 32 years, he was employed as a polisher for the former Sheridan Silver Co., and later as a machine operator for the Dye Craft Co. of Taunton.

He was a communicant at St. Anthony's Church, past president of the Dia Madeirense Society of New Bedford, and a member of the Club Madeirense S.S. Sacramento of New Bedford and the St. Peter's Society of Taunton.

A well-known soccer player in his youth, he was the first trainer for the Taunton Sports soccer team.

He was a member of the Club Sport Maritimo of Madeira, and he participated as a player on the Madeira team in the 1927 championship soccer match in Portugal.

He was a member of the Championship Soccer Club in Portugal in 1927.

He was well-known as a soccer referee and he refereed games on Madeira and in Dodge, West Indies.

Born on Madeira Island, he was the son of the late Antonio and Elena (de Sousa) Teixeira.

In addition to his widow, he leaves a son, Aldonio P. Teixeira of Taunton; a daughter, Mrs. John (Maria Lydia) Garanito of Taunton; 11 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

JOSEPH P. MELLO

Joseph Perry Mello, 79, of 82 Plain St. died suddenly in his home Friday morning.

He was the husband of the late Amelia (Ferreira) Mello.

Born in Taunton, he was the son of the late Antone P. and Mary (Medeiros) Mello.

He was employed for many years as a foreman in the stove mounting department of the former Leonard-Baker Stove Co. in Taunton.

He was a communicant of Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Joseph R. (Sylvia) Benevides of Taunton; one sister, Mrs. Mary Borge of Swansea; one grandson, William Benevides of Taunton; one niece; and one nephew.

3/21/86 EMILY VIERA TG

NORTON — Emily (Souza) Viera, 78, of 184 Mansfield Ave., Norton, formerly of Shores Street, Taunton, died Thursday at Country Haven Nursing Home following a long illness. She was the widow of Frank Viera.

Born in Taunton, she was the daughter of the late Frank and Augustine (Medeiros) Souza.

She was a communicant of St. Anthony's Church and a Gold Star mother, having lost her son, Frank Viera, who served in the Army Air Corps during World War Two.

Surviving are five sons, Alfred Viera of Raynham, William Viera and Gerald G. Viera, both of Taunton, James L. Viera of Felton, Del., and Richard J. Viera of Brockton; two daughters, Mrs. Roy (Elizabeth) Crowther of Taunton and Mrs. J. Arthur (Delores) Gobin of Attleboro; one niece, Mrs. Alice Oliveira of Raynham; 32 grandchildren; and 31 great-grandchildren.

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