

James F. Foley d: Dec. 26, 1986

James F. Foley, 62, of 15 Tajlea Drive, Littleton, died at his residence Dec. 28 after a lengthy illness. He was born in Fairhaven, Massachusetts, January 3, 1924, son of the late Nicholas and Mary (Corbett) Foley. He spent his early life in Fairhaven and later moved to Medford, where he graduated from Medford High School in 1941. He served during World War II in the U.S. Coast Guard as a radioman.

After the war he attended Burdett College and then worked as a telegrapher for the B&M Railroad for several years. Foley owned and operated Ayer Bus & Travel for 30 years and retired last year due to his illness. He also operated the Gallagher B&M train station in Lowell for the past 10 years. He was a communicant of St. Anne's Church in Littleton.

Foley is survived by his wife,

Phyllis (Smith) Foley of Littleton; two sons, James F. Foley Jr. of Sterling and Stephen G. Foley of Maynard; three daughters, Mrs. Kevin (Diane) Doherty of Northboro, Mrs. Donald (Deborah) Fidler of Littleton, and Mrs. Richard (Linda) Adams of Sterling; two sisters, Mrs. Dyson (Claire) Kring Jr. of Waltham, and Sr. Rena Foley C.S.J. of Somerville; six grandsons and one granddaughter. He was also the father of the late infant Nicholas Foley and the brother of the late Harold Foley of West Hartford, Connecticut.

A funeral Mass was held at St. Anne's Church, Littleton on Wednesday. Burial was at Westlawn Cemetery, Littleton. Contributions may be made in his memory to the American Cancer Society.

Funeral Director David W. Badger.