

OBITUARY

Juan B. Adames

Juan B. Adames, known to all in town as John Adams, 80, died Feb. 27, due to a sudden heart ailment.

dren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

Born in 1920 in Puerto Rico, he migrated to the United States landing and registering on Ellis Island and moving to Hackettstown in 1947 after serving in the National Guard unit in his native land during World War II.

In 1948 he began working in the farm fields as a laborer for M. Morgan and Son on Warren Street until the business was dissolved in the early 1970s. He was then hired on by Greenway Flowers on Schooley's Mountain Road where he was employed until his retirement in 1993, when he moved back to Puerto Rico to be with friends and family.

In 1949 he met Clara Borges. They married and together raised five children in Hackettstown. He was previously married in 1938. He and his wife had four children while working with his father exporting sugar cane to the United States. His wife became ill and died from tuberculosis in 1944.

While in his 20s he was a former amateur "Golden Gloves" contender in Puerto Rico. His sports passion was in baseball where he was an accomplished player (pitcher) for his hometown team (Los Pepinos de San Sebastian) capturing 9 championships during his adult career seasons.

Survivors include his wife, Clara, in Puerto Rico; eight children, Elisa Soto, Milly Aquino, Juan B. Adames Jr., Judith Montalvo, Gerry, Emilio, Daniel, and Carmen Mercurio; 23 grandchil-

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