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WORKERS Luis never cut corners

Business honors everlasting envelope employee

One of Luis Sousa's proudest moments was teaching his grandson, Cameron, the skill and craft of cutting paper before he retired. Now Cameron, along with his dad and Sousa's son-in-law, John Verissimo, carries on the family tradition at Elite Envelope and Graphics on Pond Street in Randolph.

Sousa's co-workers from Elite Envelope & Graphics recently gathered at Sagres restaurant in Fall River to pay tribute to the man with whom they've worked for the past 12 years or more. Sousa was born in the Azores, the islands off the coast of Portugal. He was one of six children - three boys and three girls. His father was a bus driver and

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his mother a homemaker which was typical in those days and in that culture. Eventually, Sousa's family moved to Brazil where he met his wife, Maria. He and Maria had three children and moved to the US in September 1972, following his parents who had done the same a few years earlier.

At that time, Sousa's brother, Manny, was working as a paper cutter at the now defunct Boston Envelope Company in Canton.

Manny set up an interview for Luis who was eventually hired and trained for the same job to work alongside his brother. Sousa worked at Boston Envelope for many years before moving to Northeastern Envelope in Braintree, Sheppard Envelope in Auburn and eventually to Elite Envelope & Graphics in Randolph. In 2015, Sousa's beloved wife, Maria, passed away. Shortly thereafter, he decided it was finally time to retire after having worked for 42 years in the envelope industry.

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