

BLISTEIN, SOPHIA

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BLISTEIN, SOPHIA

(SCHAFER), 90, of Providence, died June 6, 2009. She was the wife of the late Elmer Blistein.

Born in Pawtucket, a daughter of the late David and Dora (Feldman) Schaffer, she was a lifelong resident of Pawtucket and Providence.

Mrs. Blistein was a graduate of Pembroke College, Class of 1941. She was a Social Worker for 40 years for organizations including The American Red Cross, Travelers Aid Society, Planned Parenthood, Children's Friend and Service, and other organizations. Mrs. Blistein was a member of Temple Beth El, a Trustee Emerita of Brown University, a Past President of the Pembroke College Alumnae Association, and a Past President of Women of Brown University. She was also a Member of the Board of the Providence Athenaeum, Child Guidance Clinic, Pawtucket League of Women Voters, and Pawtucket YWCA. She was particularly proud of her work as Membership Chair of the Brown Friends of the Library and as a Half-Cohort and Archivist of the Josiah S. Carberry Fund.

She is survived by her children, Adam D. Blistein and his wife Maralin of Merion, PA; David S. Blistein and his wife Wendy of East Dummerston, VT; and her grandchildren, Emily, Jonathan and Lenna. She was the sister of the late Charlotte Zisman, Philip Schaffer, and Joseph Schaffer; the much-loved aunt of many nieces, nephews, grand-nieces, and grand-nephews; and friends all over the world who knew her simply as "Sophie."

A funeral service will be held Tuesday, June 9th, at 10:00 AM at Temple Beth El, 70 Orchard Ave., Providence. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Elmer and Sophia Schaffer Blistein Book Fund, C/O Brown University. Shiva will be Private. Arrangements by SUGARMAN-SINAI MEMORIAL CHAPEL.