

Pawtucket

MERVIN BOLUSKY, 78, of Oak Hill Avenue, who had worked in the textile industry before retiring, died yesterday at Rhode Island Hospital, Providence.

He was the husband of Rosalind (Rubinstein) Bolusky; they had been married for 56 years. Born in Fall River, a son of Ida (Schwartz) Bolusky of Fall River and the late Samuel Bolusky, he had lived in Fall River before moving to Rhode Island 45 years ago.

He was a graduate of the former BMC Durfee Textile School, now BMC Durfee High School, in Fall River; and had also attended Hamilton College, in Clinton, N.Y.

Mr. Bolusky had worked in textile-industry manufacturing and sales for many years, until retiring 16 years ago.

He was honored at the State House in May, by Providence Volunteers in Action, as the group's Tutor of the Year, for his work over the past five years as a math tutor to fourth graders at the Windmill School, in Providence.

He had been active for 25 years in the Boy Scouts of America, as a scoutmaster, assistant district commissioner, and a Cub Scout pack master. He also had been a volunteer for the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island.

Mr. Bolusky and his wife both were honored in 1981 by Temple Emanu-El, in Providence, as its "Man of Emanu-El; in 1986, by the Jewish Theological Seminary, with its Centennial Award; in 1998, by Jewish Family Service, as its Family of the Year; and in 2000, with the 2000 Year Community Service Award.

An Air Force veteran of World War II, he had served in the weather branch, in the Pacific.

Mr. Bolusky was a member of Temple Emanu-El, where he blew the shofar on the High Holidays, was an honorary life member of the temple's board of directors, and had been a vice president of the temple and a president of its Men's Club.

A Hadassah associate, he was a founder, along with his wife, of the Hadassah National Chapter. He was a trustee of the Jewish Seniors Agency; a life member of the Hebrew Free Loan Association; and a member of the Rhode Island and Washington, D.C., Holocaust Museums and the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Society.

Besides his wife and mother, he leaves a son, Eric Bolusky of Perkins, Okla.; two sisters, Hilda Willner of Brooklyn, N.Y., and Marcia Pappert of Houston, Texas; and two grandchildren.

The funeral service will be tomorrow at 12:30 p.m. in Temple Emanu-El, Morris Avenue at Sessions Street, Providence. Burial will be in the Hebrew Cemetery, Fall River.

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BOLUSKY, Mervin

December 9, 2002. Beloved husband of Rosalind (Rubinstein) Bolusky. Residence: 127 Oak Hill Ave., Pawtucket. Dear father of Eric Bolusky, Perkins, Oklahoma. Loving brother of Hilda Willner, Brooklyn, N.Y.; and Marcia Pappert, Houston, Texas. Devoted grandfather of Jennifer and her husband Samuel Joels, and Richard and his wife Emily Bolusky, all of Tulsa, Oklahoma. Adored son of Ida and the late Samuel Bolusky. Funeral service 12:30 p.m. Wednesday at Temple Emanu-El, 99 Taft Ave., Providence. Rela-

tives and friends are invited. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Rosalind & Mervin Bolusky Endowment Fund, c/o Temple Emanu-El, 99 Taft Ave., Providence, 02906 or R.I. Chapter of Hadassah, 1150 New London Ave., Cranston, R.I., 02920. Shiva to be observed at his late residence Wednesday 7-9, Thursday 2-4 and 7-9, Friday 1-3, Saturday 7-9, Sunday and Monday 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. The family was assisted with the arrangements by SUGARMAN-SINAI MEMORIAL CHAPEL.

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