

Benjamin Brier, 88; former manufacturer, Jewish leader, dies

PROVIDENCE — Benjamin Brier, 88, of the Regency, 60 Broadway, a founder of the former Brier Mfg. Co., and its president until retiring in 1972, died yesterday at Good Samaritan Hospital, West Palm Beach, Fla. He was the husband of Sara (Uditsky) Robinson Brier. The late Florence (Genesky) Brier was his first wife.



Born in Austria, the seventh of 12 children of the late Abraham D. and Rachael (Rubin) Brier, he was four years old when he was brought to Providence.

Mr. Brier was a past president of the Manufacturing Jewelers & Silversmiths of America. He was a founder and a past president of Miriam Hospital, of the former Jewish Orphanage of Rhode Island, and of Camp Jori. He was a founding member, a former officer and for several years campaign chairman of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, formerly called the General Jewish Committee. His many civic and philanthropic activities included the United Way.

He served on the boards of directors of Temple Emanu-El, the Jewish Community Center, Roger Williams Lodge of the B'nai B'rith, and on the Providence Hurricane Barrier Commission and the Bureau for the Handicapped. He was an Army veteran of World War I.

Besides his wife, he leaves a son, Milton I. Brier of North Kingstown; a daughter, Dorothy A. Brier of New York City; a sister, Eva Finklestein of East Providence; a brother, Herman Brier of Stoneham, Mass.; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

The funeral service will be held tomorrow at 2 p.m. at Temple Emanu-El, Morris Avenue. Burial will be in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

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