

Providence Evening Bulletin, Monday, Aug. 7, 1972

E. Leonard Chaset; Bristol Town Leader

E. Leonard Chaset, 52, of 103 Aaron Ave., Bristol, president of the Bristol Chamber of Commerce and vice chairman of the town school committee, died yesterday at The Miriam Hospital. He was the husband of Sybil (Blackman) Chaset.

Mr. Chaset, a Providence native, attended Providence College and the University of Rhode Island before joining the Air Force at the start of World War II. Serving as a weatherman in Newfoundland, he rose to staff sergeant.

On leaving the service, he became a partner in the family business, the Superior Coal Co. of Providence. He left that firm in 1963 to start a new company, Heat and Process Engineering Inc., which sells and installs industrial heating equipment.

Mr. Chaset lived in Providence until about five years ago, when he moved to Bristol. He quickly became active in town affairs.

He was especially interested in anti-pollution measures, and founded and led the town anti-pollution committee, which set up a recycling program, among other measures. He was a member of Save the Bay, Inc.

He ran for the school committee as a Democrat in 1970, defeated the Republican incumbent and was elected vice-chairman. He also was a member of the Bristol Rotary Club and Bristol Yacht Club.

Mr. Chaset was interested in cable television and, last month, at the current state



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hearings on cable television franchises, testified as the prospective general manager of a Warren-Bristol cable system if the license were granted.

He was a member of the century clubs of URI and Roger Williams College, the Bristol Historical and Preservation Society, the Rhode Island Historical Society, the Providence Preservation Society, the Bristol Art Museum, and the Museum of Art at the Rhode Island School of Design.

He was an avid gardener, and belonged to the American Rose Society.

Mr. Chaset was a member of the congregation of Temple Emanu El of Providence, and the temple's religious school board. He was a former director of the Ledgemont Country Club, and was formerly a Boy Scout leader.

He was a baseball commissioner for the Jewish Community Center, and was a member of the United Jewish Appeal, Fraternal Order of Police Associates, the Roosevelt Lodge of Freemasons, and Palestine Shrine.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a daughter, Miss Marjorie A. Chaset, and a son, Laurence G. Chaset, both at home; his mother, Mrs. Ev. Chaset Rosenfeld of Miami Beach; and two brothers, Dr. Nathan Chaset and Archie Chaset, both of Providence.

The funeral will be held today at 11 a.m. at the Max Sugarman Funeral Home, 458 Hope St., Providence. The family intends to establish a memorial scholarship fund at Brown University.

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On August 6, 1972. Beloved husband of E. Sybil (Blackman) Chaset. Funeral services to which relatives and friends are invited will be held Monday at 11 a.m. at the Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St. in lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the Scholarship Fund at Brown University in memory of E. Leonard Chaset. Shiva will be observed at his late residence, 103 Aaron Ave., Bristol, 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. through Wednesday.