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Helen M. (Epstein) Chernick, 89

SOUTH KINGSTOWN - Helen Chernick died April 19. She was the wife of the late Joseph A. Chernick; although she lost her husband 30 years ago, he always remained "her Joe." Born in Providence on May 3, she was the daughter of the late Augusta and Irving Epstein. Remaining a lover of all music

until her last day, it was often said that she was born with a microphone in her hand. By age 2, she was singing ballads and before long, she had her own radio show on WJAR Kiddie Revue.

Her warmth and graciousness lit up every social function she attended; she continuing to entertain throughout her life. She was honored recently by the Southwest Museum of Engineering, Communications & Computation in Arizona for her contribution to early radio in Providence; the exhibit is at www.smecc.org. She remained until her last day a lover of all music.

She is survived by her two daughters Marsha Golden of Wilmington, Del., and Debra L. Chernick of South Kingstown; and her son William Chernick of Cincinnati, Ohio; as well as seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Donations may be made to the URI School Matinee Program, URI Theatre Dept., Fine Arts Center, Room H206, URI, Kingston, RI 02881 or contact Paula McGlasson at 874-2712 or paulam@uri.edu.