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Dr. Oscar Z. Dashef, 86, Woonsocket pediatrician

LINCOLN — Dr. Oscar Z. Dashef, 86, of Kirkbrae Glen, Old River Road, a Woonsocket area pediatrician for 40 years until he retired, died yesterday at home. He was the husband of Selma (Flaschner) Dashef. They were married 61 years.

Born in Boston, he was a son of the late Samuel and Tillie (Lasovick) Dashef.

Dr. Dashef opened his private practice in 1946 and was the first board-certified pediatrician in the Woonsocket area. He was chief of the department of pediatrics at Woonsocket Hospital from 1951 to 1967 and was president of the hospital staff from 1967 to 1968. He was president of the Woonsocket District Medical Society from 1969 to 1971 and served as chairman of the Rhode Island chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics from 1966 to 1971. Dr. Dashef was appointed to two terms on the Rhode Island Board of Medical Examiners from 1969 to 1976 by Governors Chafee and Licht.

He served on the boards of the northern Rhode Island Mental Health Association and the ROAD Counseling Services for the treatment of drug addictions.

He received the Man of the Year award in 1964 from the Kiwanis Club for setting up clinics in northern Rhode Island to control poliomyelitis through immunizing 95 percent of the population with the Salk or Sabin vaccine. When he retired, Dr. Dashef was honored by the Family and Child services organization for his pediatric contributions.

He graduated with Phi Beta Kappa honors from Boston University in 1934 and from the Boston University School of Medicine in 1937. He served a rotating internship at Brockton Hospital, did pediatric training at Boston City Hospital and advanced training

in infectious disease at Willard Parker Hospital in New York and in pediatric neurology at Presbyterian Hospital of Columbia University. Dr. Dashef became a diplomat of the American Board of Pediatrics in 1946 and was elected a fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics in the same year.

An Army veteran of World War II, Dr. Dashef served with the rank of major in the 26th Americal Division in the South Pacific, where he was commanding officer in charge of medical personnel and the field hospital operation of his division during the battles of Guadalcanal, Bougainville and the Solomon Islands. He was awarded the Legion of Merit in 1944 for his studies of malaria, nutritional problems and psychiatric problems affecting troops in the South Pacific.

After he retired Dr. Dashef participated in student-run seminars at the Brown Learning Community and participated in Elder Hostel programs in Israel, Brazil, Alaska, New Zealand and Australia.

He received the B'Nai Brith Greater Woonsocket Man of the Year award in 1987 for his medical and Jewish community contributions. Dr. Dashef served Congregation B'Nai Israel as chairman of the Jewish Adult Education Committee and as a member of the Board of Directors. He chose to have a second Bar Mitzvah ceremony at age 83 where he read from the Torah at Congregation B'Nai Israel.

Besides his wife, he leaves a son, Dr. Stephen S. Dashef of Northampton, Mass.; a daughter, Jane Dashef Weinstock of Newton, Mass., and five grandchildren.

A funeral will be held tomorrow at 11 a.m. in Congregation B'Nai Israel, 224 Prospect St., Woonsocket. Burial will be in B'Nai Israel Cemetery, Mendon Road, Woonsocket.

DASHEF, Oscar Z., M.D.

In Lincoln, RI. July 18, 1999. Residence: 196 Old River Road, Lincoln, RI. Beloved husband of Selma (Flaschner) Dashef. Father of Dr. Stephen S. Dashef and Jane Dashef Weinstock. Grandfather of Alysia, Jennifer, and Lauren Dashef, Rebecca and Joshua Weinstock. Funeral services Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the

B'Nai Israel Synagogue, 224 Prospect St., Woonsocket, RI. Shiva will be observed Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 2-4, 7-9 p.m. at Kirkbrae Glen, 196 Old River Road, Apt. 501, Lincoln, RI. Contributions may be made to the Selma and Oscar Dashef Generation Fund of Congregation B'Nai Israel, 224 Prospect St., Woonsocket, RI 02895; Visiting Nurse Service of Greater Woonsocket, Hospice Care, 6 Blackstone Valley Place, Lincoln, RI 02865 or to a medical or religious charity of one's choice. Arrangements under Chevra Kaddisha and The Holt Funeral Home, 510 So. Main St., Woonsocket, RI.