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Obituaries

Benjamin Ferdman

Retired businessman, at 69;
composed tricentennial anthem

PAWTUCKET — Benjamin Ferdman, 69, of 41 Unity St., a retired businessman, died yesterday at home. He was the husband of Mae (Levy) Ferdman.

Born in Poland, a son of the late George and Sarah (Lester) Ferdman, he lived in Pawtucket for 60 years.

Mr. Ferdman owned the former Ferdman Upholstering Co., Mineral Spring Avenue, for 40 years, retiring in 1969.

He was an amateur composer, having written the "Blackstone River March," and was honored by the City Council and former Mayor Robert F. Burns, who ordered a special resolution Dec. 23, 1971. The city adopted the piece as its official song for its 300th birthday celebration.

During the tricentennial celebration, the Boston Pops Orchestra featured the "Blackstone River March" when it played in Pawtucket.

He was a member of the Blackstone Valley Writers Guild, the Congregation Ahawe Sholom of Pawtucket, and the Riback Winsten Jewish War Veterans Post of Pawtucket. He was a World War II Army veteran.

Besides his wife he leaves a daughter, Mrs. Susan Anderson of Lansing, Mich.; three sons, Gary Ferdman of New York City, Michael Ferdman of Buffalo, N.Y., and Harvey Ferdman of St. Louis; two sisters, Mrs. Celia Fox of Pawtucket, Mrs. Rose Holzman of Sharon, Mass., and a granddaughter.

The funeral was to be held today at 1 p.m. at the Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial will be in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

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