

FIERSTEIN,
William

Apr 27-01

The Providence Journal

North Providence

WILLIAM L. FIERSTEIN, 80, of Nipmuc Trail, a retired librarian, died Wednesday at Rhode Island Hospital.



He was the husband of Mary Jane (Fornara) Fierstein. Born in Providence, a son of the late Max and Minnie (Pinus) Fierstein, he had lived in Cranston most of

his life before moving to North Providence five years ago.

Mr. Fierstein was a librarian at Johnston High School for over 25 years, and a reference librarian at the Warwick Public Library for over 20 years before retiring 25 years ago.

He served in the Navy for two years as an electronics specialist during World War II.

He received a bachelor's degree in education from Rhode Island College, a master's degree in English literature from Boston University, where he also attended the doctoral program in English literature, and a master's degree in library science from the University of Rhode Island.

Mr. Fierstein enjoyed astronomy and chess and loved to read.

Besides his wife, he leaves three stepsons, Michael J. Kiernan of Miramar, Fla., Stephen P. Kiernan of Barrington and John F. Kiernan III of Cranston, and six grandchildren.

The funeral service will be held today at 10:30 a.m. in the chapel at Rhode Island Veterans Cemetery, Exeter.

FIERSTEIN, William L.

April 25, 2001. Beloved husband of Mary Jane (Fornara) Fierstein. Residence: North Providence. Dear stepfather of Michael J. Kiernan, Miramar, FL; Stephen P. Kiernan, Barrington; and John F. Kiernan, III, Cranston. Loving cousin

of Albert M. Cohn, Warwick. Devoted grandfather of 6. Funeral Service 10:30 am Friday at the RI Veterans Cemetery, Exeter. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Warwick Public Library, 600 Sandy Lane, Warwick, RI 02889. The family was assisted with the arrangements by SUGARMAN-SINAI MEMORIAL CHAPEL.