

OBITUARIES

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Dr. David Fish, psychiatrist, department chief at hospitals

PROVIDENCE — Dr. David J. Fish, 71, of 9 Alumni Ave., a psychiatrist who practiced in Providence from 1940 to 1976, died yesterday in the Veterans Administration Hospital after illness. He was the husband of Dr. Vera (Winston) Fish.

Dr. Fish was chief of the department of neurology and psychiatry at Miriam Hospital from 1955 to 1966, and at Rhode Island Hospital from 1967 to 1969. He was chief of the department of psychiatry at Rhode Island Hospital from 1969 to 1976 and president of its medical staff association in 1969 and 1970.

He was a consultant in psychiatry at the former Providence Lying-In Hospital, the Emma Pendleton Bradley Hospital, the Veterans Administration Hospital, Butler Hospital and the Jewish Home for the Aged.

He was a charter Fellow in the American College of Psychiatry, a Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association and the Walter E. Fernald School, Worcester, and a member of the American Medical Association, the Rhode Island District branch of A.P.A., the Providence and Rhode Island Medical Societies, the Association for Research in Nervous & Mental Diseases, and the Boston Society of Neurology & Psychiatry.

Dr. Fish was former chairman of the Mental Health Committee of the Rhode Island Medical Society and had served on three Governor's Commissions — one for the Charles V. Chapin Hospital; one for the improvement of medical standards at the state hospital at Howard, and one for the study of drugs and narcotics, from 1963 to 1971.

He also was a member of the board of trustees of the Jewish Home for the Aged.

He was the author of "Medical Intelligence, Symptoms of Depression and Cardiac Failure," published in 1953 in *The New England Journal of Medicine*, and "The Role of the Hospital in the Community" which appeared in the *Rhode Island Medical Journal* in 1970.

During World War II, Dr. Fish was an Army major, serving as chief of the department of psychiatry and neurology at the Waltham Regional Hospital.

He received his bachelor of arts degree



from Brown University in 1935, and his medical degree from Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, in 1939. He interned at the Charles V. Chapin and Rhode Island Hospitals, Providence, and at Worcester City Hospital, Worcester. His residencies were at the State Hospital of Mental Diseases at Howard. From 1963 to 1965 he taught at the Rhode Island Medical Center.

Born in Providence on June 11, 1907, he was a son of the late Joseph and Rose (Eizenberg) Fish.

Besides his wife, he leaves a son, Michael J. Fish of Providence; two daughters, Mrs. Mimi Alperin of New York City and Mrs. Carol Scott of Providence; a sister, Mrs. Carl Gershanick of Philadelphia, and three grandchildren.

The funeral service was to be held today at 1:30 p.m. at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St. Burial will be in the Rhode Island Veterans Cemetery, Exeter.

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