

Dr. Joseph Fishbein, retired dentist, dies

PROVIDENCE — Dr. Joseph G. Fishbein, 78, of 2400 Presidential Way, West Palm Beach, Fla., a dentist with a practice on Wayland Avenue from 1941 to 1980, died yesterday at Rhode Island Hospital. He was the husband of Beatrice (Millman) Fishbein.



Born in Malden, Mass., he was a son of the late Louis and Sarah (Miller) Fishbein. He lived in Florida for three years, and previously had lived in East Providence.

Dr. Fishbein was the master of A.E.Pi. fraternity while attending the former Rhode Island State College, now the University of Rhode Island, where he graduated in 1937. He was master of the Sigma Epsilon dental fraternity while attending the Temple University School of Dentistry, where he graduated in 1941. He was elected to the Omicron Kappa Epsilon Society while attending Northwestern University Graduate School of Dentistry, and graduated in 1942.

Dr. Fishbein was an Army veteran of World War II. He served in the South Pacific Theater, and he received the Bronze Star and the Medical Combat Medal.

He was a past president of Temple Emanu-El, and a past president of its Men's Club. He was on the temple board of directors and the executive committee for 23 years, received its Presidential Tallis, and was honored as the Men's Club "Man of Emmanuel." He also was chairman of the 50th anniversary celebration of Temple Emanu-El and designed the temple logo.

He was a member of the board of directors of the Bureau of Jewish Education, the Providence Hebrew Day School, Temple Beth Shalom, the Rhode Island Jewish Federation and the Jewish Home for the Aged.

Dr. Fishbein was a member of the Providence Second Ward Democratic Committee for many years. He also was a member of the Aurora Civic Association, the Ledgemont Country Club in Seekonk, Mass., and the Presidential Country Club, West Palm Beach.

Dr. Fishbein was a member of the Rhode Island Dental Society and the American Dental Association. He was a 32nd-degree Mason and a member of Redwood Lodge 35, AF&AM.

Besides his wife, he leaves a daughter, Ruth Lee Fishbein of New York; a son, Sanford Martin Fishbein of Kingston, and four brothers, Nathan Fishbein of Providence, Mathew and Sidney Fishbein, both of Pawtucket, and Dr. Arthur Fishbein of Margate, Fla.

The funeral service will be tomorrow at 1 p.m. at Temple Emanu-El, Morris Avenue, Providence. Burial will be in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

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FISHBEIN, Dr. Joseph G.

March 12, 1991. Residence: West Palm Beach, Florida. Beloved husband of Beatrice (Millman) Fishbein. Dearest father of Ruth Lee Fishbein of New York City, and Sanford Martin Fishbein of Kingston, R.I. Loving brother of Nathan Fishbein of Providence; Mathew Fishbein and Sidney Fishbein, both of Pawtucket; Dr. Arthur Fishbein of Margate, Fla.; and the late Morris Fishbein, Ralph H. Fishbein, and Dr. Jay N. Fishbein. Funeral services will be held Thursday at 1 p.m. at Temple Emanu-El, Morris Ave. at Sessions St. In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to the Dr. Joseph G. & Beatrice Fishbein Endowment Fund at Temple Emanu-El, or to the Jewish Home for the Aged. Shiva will be observed at 425 Meshanticut Vally Parkway, Apt. 312, Cranston, 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. through Tuesday. Arrangements by the SUGARMAN-SMITH MEMORIAL CHAPEL, 458 Hope St., corner of Doyle, Providence.

FISHBEIN, DR. JOS. G.