

FISHBEIN,
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MEL FISHBEIN, 79, of Fourth Street, a retired restaurateur, died yesterday at home.

He was the husband of Rose (Rome) Fishbein. Born in Providence, a son of the late William and Bessie (Shore) Fishbein, he had lived in Providence for most of his life, and also had lived, for a time, in Los Angeles and Palm Springs, Calif.

He was a graduate of Hope High School, and had attended UCLA.

Before retiring, Mr. Fishbein had been the owner and operator of the Coffee Exchange, the managing director of Rhode Island Frozen Foods, and later, the owner of Mel's Restaurant Supply, Cooks Connection, and Ziegfeld's Deli.

An Army veteran of World War II, he served in Europe and North Africa as a forward observer, with rank of sergeant. His decorations included a Purple Heart with Oakleaf Cluster and a Bronze Star.

Mr. Fishbein was a founding member of Temple Beth Shalom, in Providence.

Besides his wife, he leaves two sons, Charles Fishbein of Providence and William Fishbein of Santa Fe, N.M.; a daughter, Deborah Adams of Boston; two sisters, Celia Mack of Los Angeles and Esther Abrich of Cranston; and four grandchildren. He was the brother of the late Hyman Toplan and Rose Nydes.

The funeral service will be tomorrow at 9:30 a.m. in the Sugarman-Sinai Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St. Burial will be in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Post Road, Warwick.

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December 30, 2001. Residence, 34 Fourth St., Providence. Beloved husband of Rose (Rome) Fishbein. Devoted father of Charles Fishbein, Providence; William Fishbein, Santa Fe, New Mexico; and Deborah Adams, Boston. Loving brother of Celia Mack, Los Angeles, CA; Esther Abrich,

Cranston; and the late Hyman Toplan and Rose Nydes. Adored Grandfather of Rebecca, Hannah, Jacob and Adam. Caring uncle of Elliott Buckler, Los Angeles, CA. Funeral Services Tuesday at 10:30AM at SUGARMAN-SINAI MEMORIAL CHAPEL, 458 Hope Street, Providence, RI 02906. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Paralyzed Veterans of America or St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Shiva will be observed at his late residence Tuesday - Thursday 2-4 and 7-9 and Friday 2-4.