

Foster, Joseph

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**Joseph Foster, R.I. Native,
A Brandeis Founder, Dies**

Joseph C. Foster, 67, a Providence native who was one of the founders of Brandeis University, died Wednesday in Columbia-Presbyterian Hospital in New York.

Mr. Foster, who lived in Leominster, Mass., was chairman of the board of Foster Grant Co. in Leominster, a large sunglass manufacturing firm which expanded into plastics and the chemical industry. The firm produces Foster Grant sunglasses.

According to Harry Foster of Cranston, Mr. Foster's uncle, the Fosters moved to Leominster when Joseph was about 10 years old. He attended public schools in Providence and Leominster, Williston Academy and Boston University.

He joined his father in business in 1925 and developed the

company from a small manufacturer of novelties to one of the world's largest manufacturers of sunglasses and a producer of chemicals and resins.

He also was active in numerous philanthropic affairs, pollution control and Zionism.

During the early 1950s Mr. Foster and others conceived the idea of establishing Brandeis University in Waltham, Mass. He was a member of the university's board of trustees until his death.

He is survived by his wife, Esther (Winthrop) Foster; a daughter, Mrs. Lee Scheinbart of Concord, Mass., and seven grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday at 2 p.m. in Congregation Agudas Achim, Leominster.

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