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Dr. Charles Genter

PROVIDENCE — Dr. Charles Genter, 87, a resident of the Jewish Home for the Aged, 99 Hillside Ave., and a dentist in the city for more than 40 years, died at the home yesterday. He was the husband of the late Alma (Robichaud) Genter.

A lifelong resident of Providence, he was a son of the late Peter and Matilda (Kliedt) Genter.

Dr. Genter was a graduate of Tufts University and its dental school.

Beginning in 1931, he volunteered to be staff dentist for the East Providence School Dental Clinic sponsored by the Wachemoket PTA, and continued to volunteer for more than 50 years. He was honored on several occasions by the PTA and school officials.

He served as a major in the Army Dental Corps during World War II, and later was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Dr. Genter surrendered his license in 1983 after being convicted of Medicaid fraud.

Dr. Genter and two other men were indicted in 1982 for fraudulently obtaining $18,000 from the state through Medicaid billings that year. The two others were also indicted on charges of practicing dentistry without licenses.

Dr. Genter surrendered his license and pleaded no contest to filing false documents, and also agreed to repay the state $3,900. He received a three-year suspended sentence with three years probation.

He leaves a sister, Rose Pritsker of Hallandale, Fla.; two brothers, Harry Genter of Hallandale and Pawtucket, and Maurice Genter of Cranston.

The funeral service will be today at 2 p.m. in Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St. Burial will be in Sharon Memorial Park, Sharon, Mass.

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November 20, 1990. Beloved husband of the late Alma (Robichaud) Genter. Residence "The Jewish Home". Dear brother of Rose Pritsker, Hallandale, FL, Harry Genter, Pawtucket and Hallandale and Maurice Genter, Cranston. Dear uncle of Anita Jones, Sandra and Alan Genter, Peter Pritsker and Hope Zawatsky. Funeral service 2 p.m. Wednesday at MOUNT SINAI MEMORIAL CHAPEL, 825 Hope at 4th Sts. Relatives and friends are invited. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to your favorite charity.

Dr. Charles Genter

On Nov. 21 you published the obituary of Dr. Charles Genter. Following a longstanding policy to insert criminal contacts of a decedent, your obituary failed to portray the measure of a truly great man. You did mention the fact that Dr. Genter volunteered his services to the East Providence School system for more than 10 years.

He was also a true professional in the best sense of the term; he gave much more to his community than he ever asked of it. This kind, gentle and generous man would provide dental services to the poor based upon their ability to pay — often free of charge. He never practiced dentistry as a business.

It was only when the man was close to 80 years old, in failing physical and mental health, and after he had lost his devoted wife, that he came under the influence of unscrupulous men who used his good name to their advantage. As with many of the elderly in our society, we as a community failed to protect him from his own frailty. I know that those in the community to whom he rendered assistance over the course of his long career will remember Dr. Genter as the generous professional that he was, and not for the frail man he lived to become.

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