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Dr. Seebert J. Goldowsky, 90; author, historian, chief surgeon

PROVIDENCE — Dr. Seebert J. Goldowsky, 90, of Medway Place, a retired physician, author and historian, died Wednesday, at Rhode Island Hospital. He was the husband of Bonnie (Nisson) Goldowsky.



A lifelong Providence resident, he was a son of the late Bernard M. and Antoinette (Lotary) Goldowsky.

He was a 1928 graduate of Brown University and a 1932 graduate of Harvard Medical School. During World War II, he served as a combat surgeon in the Army Medical Corps in the Southwest Pacific.

Dr. Goldowsky was an active general surgeon in Providence before becoming the first full-time medical director of Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Rhode Island in 1972.

During his long career he served as chief of the department of surgery at Miriam Hospital and served two terms as president of its staff. He was also on the staffs of Rhode Island Hospital, Charles V. Chapin Hospital and Roger Williams Hospital.

Dr. Goldowsky was a member of numerous scientific and medical organizations and was clinical lecturer in surgery at Brown University School of Medicine. He was editor-in-chief of the Rhode Island Medical Society Journal for 27 years.

Dr. Goldowsky had a lifelong interest in medical and Jewish histo-

ry. He was the author of *Yankee Surgeon, The Life and Times of Usher Parsons 1788-1868* and *A Century and a Quarter of Spiritual Leadership, The Story of the Congregation of the Sons of Israel and David*. He was a prolific writer, publishing more than 60 articles for scientific and historical journals and periodicals.

Dr. Goldowsky was a trustee of the American Jewish Historical Society, past president of the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association and editor of its publication *Notes*. He was a past president of the Rhode Island League of Historical Societies and the Society of Friends of Touro Synagogue.

This year, Dr. Goldowsky was the first recipient the Friends of Touro Synagogue's Founders Day Award, when he was cited for being "the ultimate Renaissance man."

In 1991, he received the Recognition Award of the Brown University School of Medicine and in 1995 the Williams Award of the Brown University Library, to which he donated a substantial portion of his literary collection. He was elected chairman of the Rhode Island Interagency Council on Smoking in 1976.

Besides his wife, he leaves several nieces and nephews.

The funeral will be held tomorrow at 10 a.m. in Temple Beth-El, 70 Orchard Ave., Providence. Burial will be in Temple Beth-El Cemetery, Providence.

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November 5, 1997. Residence: 229 Medway St., Apt. 201, Providence. Beloved husband of Bonnie (Nisson) Goldowsky. Funeral Services will be held Friday at 10AM at Temple Beth-El, 70 Orchard Ave., Providence. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Temple Beth-El or RI Jewish Historical Assoc., 401 Elm-grove Ave., Providence. Shiva will be observed at his late residence Saturday 7-9 and Sunday 2-4; 7-9PM. Arrangements by MAX SUGARMAN MEMORIAL CHAPEL, 458 Hope St. (Cor. Doyle Ave.), Providence.