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PROVIDENCE — Sigmund Grebstein, 90, of the Jewish Home For the Aged, Hillside Avenue, a decorating contractor for more than 50 years until retiring 20 years ago, died yesterday at Miriam Hospital. He was the husband of the late Sylvia (Scotkin) Grebstein.

He was born in Russia, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Grebstein. He had been a Providence resident over 75 years.

Mr. Grebstein was an Army veteran of World War I, serving in the Rainbow Division (later the 42nd Infantry Division) in France and Germany, and was a member of the Jewish War Veterans Post No. 23.

He was a member of the Congregation Shaare Zedek-Sons of Abraham, the Providence Hebrew Free Loan Association, the Golden Agers Club of the Jewish Community Center, the Jewish Home for the Aged, the United Commercial Travelers, the Workmen's Circle and the Providence Hebrew Day School.

He leaves two sons, Lawrence C. Grebstein of Kingston, a professor at the University of Rhode Island, and Sheldon N. Grebstein of Purchase, N.Y., president of the State University of New York at Purchase; and four grandchildren.

The funeral service will be held Friday at 1 p.m. at the Jewish Home For the Aged, 99 Hillside Ave. Burial will be in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

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