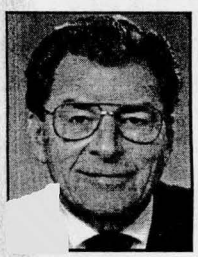
GREER, DAVID

David Greer, M.D., 89

FALL RIVER, MASS. – David Greer died Nov. 18. He was the husband of the late Marion (Clarich) Greer; they were married for 64 years. Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., the son of the late Jacob and Mary Greenberg, he had been a resident of Fall River since 1957.



Dr. Greer received his education in the New York City school system, Brooklyn College, the University of Notre Dame, the University of Chicago and Yale University. His education was interrupted during World War II when he served two years in the armed forces as an aviation cadet.



Dr. Greer came to Fall River in 1957 to practice medicine at the Truesdale Clinic. He was actively involved in a very large number of community and statewide activities, [illegible] founded Highland Heights Apartments, renamed Cardinal Medeiros Towers, which was the first hospital-connected public housing facility for the physically impaired in the nation.

In 1974, Dr. Greer joined the administration and faculty of the new medical school at Brown University as an Associate Dean. There, he founded and chaired the Department of Family Medicine, the Department of Community Health and the Gerontology Center. He was appointed Dean of Medicine at Brown in 1981 and served in that position until 1992. Upon retiring from Brown, he served as the Medical Director of the SSTAR Family Healthcare Center in Fall River until 1998.

Dr. Greer was a member of numerous prestigious organizations, including Mastership in the American College of Physicians and the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences. He was designated as a Kellogg Foundation Fellow in International Health. His many honors and awards included an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from Southeastern Massachusetts University; the Cutting Foundation Award for service to religion in society from the Andover Newton Theological Seminary; the Bristol Community

Greer; his sister-in-law, Joyce Greer Stern; and his brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Daniel and Eleanor Clarich. He was the father of the late Jeffrey Greer and brother of the late M. Philip Greer.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to Family Service Association of Fall River, 101 Rock Street, Fall River, Mass. 02720.