Gerald S. Heller

Professor emeritus of engineering had directed Brown materials lab

PROVIDENCE — Gerald S. Heller, 72, of 450 Brook St., a retired Brown University engineering professor, died yesterday at Miriam Hospital. He was the husband of Betty (Steinberg) Heller.



Mr. Heller was an engineering professor at Brown from 1963 to 1985. He also was the director of the Materials Research Lab at Brown from 1971 to 1985. In 1977 the lab received the largest grant in Brown's history up to that time, a three-year grant for $4.72 million from the National Science Foundation.

Mr. Heller was appointed professor emeritus in 1986.

Born in Detroit, Mich., he was a son of the late Joseph and Gussie (Galper) Heller. He lived in Belmont, Mass., before moving to Providence 30 years ago.

Mr. Heller received a bachelor of science in physics from Wayne University in 1942 and a master of science degree in applied mathematics from Brown in 1946. He was awarded a doctorate in physics from Brown in 1948.

During World War II, he was sent by Massachusetts Institute of Technology to Sydney University in Australia as consultant to the radiation laboratory. He was group leader of the resonance physics group at the Lincoln Lab of MIT from 1954 to 1962.

Mr. Heller was a member of the Tau Beta Pi Society. He was elected a fellow of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineering in 1969.

Besides his wife, he leaves a son, Dr. Allen H. Heller of Woodbridge, Conn.; a daughter, Wendy Heller of Arlington, Mass., and three grandchildren.

The funeral service will be Thursday at 2 p.m. at Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial will be in Sharon Memorial Park, Sharon, Mass.

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September 29, 1992. Beloved husband of Betty (Steinberg) Heller. Loving father of Dr. Allen H. Heller of Woodbridge, CT and Wendy Heller of Arlington, MA. Dear grandfather of David, Richard and Stephen Heller. Funeral Services will be held Thursday at 2 pm at the MAX SUGARMAN MEMORIAL CHAPEL, 458 Hope St., (corner of Doyle). In lieu of flowers contributions in his memory may be made to the Library Fund at Brown University, Providence, RI 02912. Shiva will be observed at his late residence 450 Brook St., Providence, Thursday 7-9 pm and Friday 2-4 pm.