Middletown

WILLIAM HORVITZ, 79, of 5 Sheri Lane, owner of Wilby's Fabric Shop on Broadway in Newport for 25 years before it closed in the early 1980s, died Thursday at the Rhode Island Veterans Home, Bristol. He was the husband of Beatrice (Gurwitz) Horvitz.

Born in Fall River, Mass., he was a son of the late Louis and Bessie Horvitz.

Mr. Horvitz previously was employed at the former Newport Torpedo Station. He was an Army veteran of World War II.

He was a 32nd degree Mason, and was presented the Meritorious Service Award. He was a member of St. Paul's Lodge No. 14 and the Palestine Shriners. Mr. Horvitz was a member of Touro Synagogue.

Besides his wife, he leaves a brother, Daniel Horvitz of Fall River.

The funeral will be today at 11 a.m. at Hoffman Jewish Memorial Chapel, Fowler Avenue, Newport. Burial will be in Beth Olam Cemetery, Middletown.

HORVITZ, William