JAFFE
Betty

Middletown

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BETTY (KOSLOFF) JAFFE, of Clubhouse Road, Montgomery Village, Md., formerly of Middletown, who owned and operated the former Jaffe's Paint and Hardware Store in Newport with her husband for more than 40 years, died Tuesday at home.

She was the wife of the late Ralph Jaffe. Born in 1908 in Russia, a daughter of the late Isidore and Gussie Kosloff, she moved with her family at age 4 to New York City.

She attended New York City public schools and graduated from East New York Business College in Brooklyn, majoring in business administration.

In 1929, Mrs. Jaffe came to Newport after her marriage. In 1938, she joined her husband in the family business, operating the former Jaffe's Paint and Hardware Store in Newport with him until the business was sold in 1979.

For many years, Mrs. Jaffe and her husband were curators of coins and medals for the Newport Historical Society. Their numismatic knowledge and associations resulted in appointments by President Lyndon B. Johnson to the president's Assay Commission to audit records of coins, medals and precious metals at the U.S. Mint in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Jaffe enjoyed travel, especially to Mexico. The couple were also active members of Touro Synagogue in Newport. Mrs. Jaffe lived in Montgomery Village since May.

She leaves a daughter, Rita Kotlen of Middletown; a son, Stanley Jaffe of Montgomery Village; a sister, Rose Randall of Long Island, N.Y.; seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. She was the sister of the late Benjamin Kosloff.

A graveside service will be held today at 11:30 a.m. in Beth Olam Cemetery, Wyatt Road, Middletown.