JOSEPHSON, Dr. Arthur

Newport

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DR. ARTHUR JOSEPHSON, 86, of "Belair," 50 Old Beach Rd., who practiced dentistry in Newport from 1934 until retirement in 1985, died yesterday at home. He was the husband of Sarah (Perelman) Josephson.

Born in Newport, he was a son of the late Israel Josephson, founder of the former Narragansett Clothing Co., and Bessie (Schein) Josephson.

Dr. Josephson was a captain in the Army Dental Corps during World War II from 1941-46. He served in Australia and the Caroline Islands, the Philippines and New Guinea. He received the Bronze Star, two battle stars and the Philippines Liberation Ribbon.

He was a 1929 graduate of Providence College and a 1934 graduate of the University of Maryland School of Dentistry. The Baltimore College of Dental Surgery awarded him a Certificate of Distinction in 1984 for 50 years of practice.

Friends and associates remember him as a dentist who was always available, weekends and after-hours, for anyone who called, whether regular patients or anyone else. Clergy of all denominations received his services without charge, and he would often absorb laboratory fees that would have been charged to his patients.

He was president of the Newport Dental Society from 1958-60. He was a member of the American Dental Association and the Rhode Island Dental Society, of which he was a trustee from 1950-56. He was a member of Touro Synagogue, the Society of Friends of Touro Synagogue, the Touro Heritage Trust, the Judah Touro Lodge of B'nai B'rith, the Newport Lions Club, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Newport Art Museum. He was a Shriner and a member of St. Paul's Masonic Lodge 14.

Dr. Josephson leaves a daughter, Ellen Josephson Miller; a stepson, Daniel Shapiro, and a step-grandson.

The funeral service will be held tomorrow at 1:30 p.m. at the Hoffman Memorial Chapel, Fowler Avenue. Burial will be in Beth Olam Cemetery, Middletown.