JOSEPHSON, ELAINE

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ELAINE JOSEPHSON, 77, of 249 Hillside Ave., and also of Boca Raton, Fla., a retired registered nurse, died March 10 at her winter home, in Boca Raton.

She was the wife of Howard Josephson; they had been married for 55 years. Born in Connecticut, she was a daughter of the late David and Minnie Fierberg.

She was a 1946 graduate of The Beth Israel Hospital School of Nursing, in Boston, where she was a member of Beth Israel Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Association.

Mrs. Josephson had worked as a registered nurse for many years, at Miriam Hospital, in Providence, with the Blackstone Valley Visiting Nurses Association, and as director of Quality Care Nursing Service, a Providence-based home-care agency.

She was a member of the Women's Auxiliary of Miriam Hospital, the Nature Conservancy, the Rhode Island Historical Preservation Committee, the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Association, and Hadassah-Rhode Island.

She loved the Ocean State and Narragansett Bay, and had enjoyed boating with her husband and family aboard the Big Weaver for 40 years.

Besides her husband, she leaves two daughters, Deborah Catone of South Kingstown and Jody Josephson of Pawtucket; a sister, Rozlyn Heifetz in Florida; and two grandsons, Keith and Joshua Catone, both of South Kingstown. She was a sister of the late Howard Fierberg.

The memorial service will be private.