STELLA (COHEN) KAPSTEIN, 91, of Holland, Pa., formerly of Providence, a teacher in the public schools of East Greenwich, East Providence and Providence for 40 years before retiring, died Sunday in Holland. She was the widow of Prof. I.J. Kapstein, formerly of the English Department at Brown University.

Born in Hyannis, Mass., a peddler's daughter, she moved to Providence before World War I and settled in the Chalkstone Avenue area, where she was to meet her neighbor and husband.

Mrs. Kapstein was a graduate of Classical High School, where she and her husband-to-be were classmates of the humorist, S.J. Perelman. She was a 1925 summa cum laude graduate of the former Rhode Island State College, now the University of Rhode Island, where she was a mathematics major, and was elected to Sigma Xi.

She worked initially as a full-time teacher, and later as a substitute. She was president of the Ladies of the Faculty of Brown University in the late 1940s and early 1950s. She was active in the Rhode Island Jewish community, and was a member of Temple Emanu-El.

In 1960, Mrs. Kapstein and her husband spent a year in Vietnam, where he received a visiting professorship at the University of Saigon, and she taught English to Vietnamese women.

Mrs. Kapstein lived in Providence until 1987, when she moved to Twining Village, Holland, near Princeton, N.J., where her daughter and son-in-law live.

She leaves two children, Jonathan Kapstein of Brussels, Belgium, director of government affairs for Arco Chemical Europe, and a former journalist for Business Week, and Judith K. Brodsky, an artist and professor in the art department at New Jersey's Rutgers University; four grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be held tomorrow at noon at Temple Emanu-El, Taft Avenue. PJ-B 8-3-1994

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August 1, 1994. Residence: 804 Covered Bridge Rd., Holland, Penn. Beloved wife of the late Prof. Israel J. Kapstein. Devoted mother of Jonathan Kapstein of Brussells, Belgium; and Judith Kapstein Brodsky of Princeton, N.J. Loving grandmother of 4 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. Funeral services Thursday 12 noon at TEMPLE EMANU-EL, corner of Morris Ave. and Sessions St., Providence. In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory may be made to the I. J. Kapstein Scholarship Fund, c/o Brown University. Shiva will be observed at the home of Archie and Phyllis Kapstein, 40 Sachem Dr., Cranston, Thursday 7-9. Arrangements by the MAX SUGARMAN MEMORIAL CHAPEL, 458 Hope St. (corner of Doyle Ave.).