KATSH, ESTELLE (WACHTELL)

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Estelle Katsh, 89

WARWICK — Estelle Wachtell Katsh, 89, died Sept. 22. She was married to the late Abraham I. Katsh for 55 years. Born in the Bronx, N.Y., the daughter of the late Leon and Gussie Wachtell, she was raised in New York, spent her adult life in New York and Philadelphia and the last six months in Warwick enjoying her surroundings and her family

Mrs. Katsh was an active volunteer in many Jewish organizations. She also aided her husband, a former chairman of the Dept. of Hebrew Culture and Education at NYU, and president of the Dropsie University for Hebrew and Cognate Learning in Philadelphia, in many pioneering efforts related to the State of Israel and the development of Hebrew as a modern language.

She leaves two sons, Ethan Katsh and his wife Beverly Schwartz Katsh of Needham, Mass., and Salem Katsh of New York City; a daughter, Shelley Katsh and her husband, Mark Gabry of Pawtucket; and seven grandchildren, Rebecca and her husband, Jordy Singer, Gabriel Katsh, Gideon Katsh, Halley Katsh-Williams, Emmet Katsh-Williams, Jonah Gabry and Raya Gabry. She was the sister of the late Dr. Sidney Wachtell and Mrs. Blanche Shulman of New York. Burial was in New York. Contributions may be made to Jewish Seniors Agency or Jewish Family Service.