KATZMAN, LAURA (LEICHTER)

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KATZMAN, LAURA (LEICHTER), 96, a Providence school teacher for more than 20 years, died Thursday at Greenwich Hospital in Greenwich, CT after a brief illness.

She was the widow of Peter J. Katzman, owner of the former Central Plumbing Co. and had lived on Providence's East Side for more than 50 years before moving to East Providence and then Connecticut.

She was the daughter of the late Simon and Pauline (Silverman) Leichter, and was preceded in death by brothers Israel (Sonny) and Jacob (Jack) and sisters Bess Robinson, Sema Silverman and Sarah Musler.

Mrs. Katzman was a 1930 graduate of the former Rhode Island College of Education, now Rhode Island College, and was a teacher at Sackett Street, Oxford Street and Thayer Street elementary schools during the 1930's.

She returned to teaching in the 1960's and 1970's at Summit Avenue and Fox Point elementary schools.

Survivors include daughter, Joan Green and son-in-law, David Green, son, Abner and daughter-in-law, Marlou Desain, all of Greenwich, and grandchildren Susanna Beiser, Melanie Fisher, and David, Rebecca and Jonathan Katzman.

Funeral services will be held Sunday, January 22nd, at 1:00 PM in the Samuel Priest Chapel in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory may be made to Congregation Shir Ami, 30 Myano Lane, Stamford, CT 06902. Shiva will be observed in CT. Arrangements by Sugarman-Sinai Memorial Chapel.