KERZNER, Bessie

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BESSIE KERZNER, 83, of 2340 Grecian Way, Clearwater, Fla., formerly of Providence, founder and proprietor for 30 years of Bessie's, a food store and restaurant on Broad Street, retiring in 1976, died yesterday at home. She was the wife of John Kerzner. Mr. and Mrs. Kerzner celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary in March.

Born in Chelsea, Mass., a daughter of the late Israel and Esther Molly (Harrison) Broomfield, she had lived in Providence most of her life before moving to Florida 20 years ago.

Mrs. Kerzner had been a member of Congregation Shaare Zedek, Providence, the Eastern Star, Hadassah and B'nai B'rith. She was a member of the Sisterhood of Congregation Beth Sholom in Clearwater.

Besides her husband, she leaves two daughters, Marion Yurman of Clearwater and Kathleen LaRoche of Palm Harbor, Fla.; two sons, Alan Kerzner of Providence and Murray Kerzner of Clearwater; 11 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandson. She was a sister of the late Eleanor Scheer and Lillian and Marshall Broomfield.

A graveside service will be held tomorrow at 11 a.m. in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Post Road, Warwick. Burial will follow.

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June 6, 1998. Beloved wife of John Kerzner. Residence: 2340 Grecian Way, Apt. 10, Clearwater, FL. Dear mother of Marion Yurman, Clearwater, FL; Kathleen LaRoche, Palm Harbor, FL; Alan Kerzner, Providence and Murray Kerzner, Clearwater, FL. Dear sister of the late Eleanor Scheer and Lillian and Marshall Broomfield. Devoted grandmother of eleven grandchildren, eleven great-children and one great, great-grandson. Graveside Funeral Service 11AM Monday at LINCOLN PARK CEMETERY, Post Rd., Warwick. Relatives and friends are invited. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Hospice Care of RI, 50 Maude St., Providence, RI 02908. Memorial Observance at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alan Kerzner, 58 Savoy St., Monday and Tuesday, 2-4; 7-9PM. Arrangements by MOUNT SINAI MEMORIAL CHAPEL.