Etta Kerzner

PROVIDENCE — Etta Kerzner of 1085 North Main St., a columnist, publisher, and educator before retiring, died Wednesday at the Summit Medical Center. She was the wife of the late Louis Kerzner.

Born in Russia, a daughter of the late Godel and Rebecca Labush, she moved to Providence in the mid-1960s.

She was a columnist for the Springfield (Mass.) Herald from 1945-58, and became editor and publisher of her own weekly paper, Brisk, from 1958-62.

She was a member of Temple Emanu-El. She attended Bryant College and the University of Rhode Island. She received an honorary degree from Boston University in 1984, and a citation from Mass. Governor Michael Dukakis in 1988 for her contribution to higher education. She was a member of Pioneer Women and B'nai B'rith.

She was the Springfield area chairman of the John F. Kennedy campaigns for both the Senate and the presidency.

She leaves two sons, Dr. Marvin S. Kerzner of Providence, and Dr. Arnold M. Kerzner of Belmont, Mass.; three daughters, Arlene Weinberg of Providence, Dr. Dorothy Kerzner-Lipsky of Northport, Long Island, N.Y., and Karen Gelade of Providence; a brother, Max Labush of Brooklyn, N.Y.; 12 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. She was a sister of the late Louis and Edward Labush, and Claire Salmon.

The funeral service will be Sunday at 10 a.m. at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., corner of Doyle Avenue. Burial will be in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. PJ-B 5-29-92

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May 27, 1992. Residence 1085 North Main St., Providence. Beloved wife of the late Louis Kerzner. Devoted mother of Dr. Marvin S. Kerzner of Providence, Dr. Arnold M. Kerzner of Belmont, MA, Arlene Weinberg of Providence, Dr. Dorothy Kerzner-Lipsky of Northport, Long Island, NY and Karen Gelade of Providence. Loving sister of Max Labush of Brooklyn, NY and the late Louis and Edward Labush and the late Claire Salmon. Dearest grandmother of 12 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. Funeral services will be held Sunday at 10 a.m. at the MAX SUGARMAN MEMORIAL CHAPEL, 458 Hope St. (corner of Doyle), Providence. In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory, may be made to the Etta and Louis Kerzner Endowment Fund at the Providence Hebrew Day School. Shiva will be observed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jules Gelade, 202 Fifth St., Providence, 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Sunday through Thursday.