S. Samuel Kestenman; jewelry manufacturer, Army veteran, at 56

PAWTUCKET — S. Samuel Kestenman, 56, of 87 Cambria Court, president of Kestenman Brothers Mfg. Co., Providence, and active in the jewelry manufacturing industry for more than 35 years, died yesterday at Rhode Island Hospital. He was the husband of Shirley (Goodman) Rigelhaupt Kestenman.

Born in Providence, a son of the late Max and Pauline (Garr) Kestenman, he lived in Pawtucket for 20 years.

Mr. Kestenman was a past president of the Jewish Family Service of Rhode Island, and a past president of the Providence Jewelers Club. He was a member of the board of trustees of Temple Emanu-El, and had served as president of its Mens Club.

He was a member of the board of trustees of the Jewish Home for the Aged, and the board of directors of the Manufacturing Jewelers and Silversmiths of America. He was a member of the board of directors of Camp Jori, and a member of the National 24 Karat Club. He was a 1950 graduate of the former Rhode Island State College, now the University of Rhode Island. He was a Korean War Army veteran.

Besides his wife he leaves a son, Dr. David Kestenman of Knoxville, Tenn.; five daughters, Judith Kestenman of Stockbridge, Mass., Nancy Rigelhaupt-Smith of Washington, D.C., Gail Rigelhaupt of New York City, Jane Rigelhaupt of Houston, Tex., Sally R. Ralen of Natick, Mass., and a sister, Helene Handelman of New Rochelle, N.Y.

A funeral service will be held today at 2 p.m. at Temple Emanu-El, Morris Avenue, Providence. Burial will be in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

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