Kornstein, Samuel

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S. Kornstein Dies; Owned Store

Samuel Kornstein, 77, president and founder of Kornstein's Department Store in Woonsocket, died yesterday in Woonsocket Hospital after being stricken at his home, 49 Smithfield Rd., North Smithfield. He was the husband of Hattie (Levy) Kornstein.

He founded the department store 50 years ago and remained active in the business and in a number of organizations until his death.

He was a director of the Greater Woonsocket Chamber of Commerce, a past president of the Lions Club in Woonsocket and a past president of the Woonsocket Retail Trade Board. He was chairman of the Municipal Downtown Development Commission, the forerunner of urban renewal in Woonsocket.

Vice president of the Congregation B'nai Israel in Woonsocket, he was also a member of B'nai B'rith in that city and a member of the Roosevelt Lodge of Masons in Providence. He was an Army veteran of World War I.

Born in Woonsocket on Jan. 1, 1896, he was a son of the late Moses and Clara (Turkel) Kornstein.

He is survived by a son, Arnold Kornstein of Woonsocket, who was associated with him in the family business; a daughter, Mrs. Ruth Horelik of Pawtucket; two brothers, Arthur Kornstein of Woonsocket and Philip Kornstein of North Smithfield; three sisters, Miss Mary Kornstein, Mrs. Ann Cohen and Mrs. Martha Birenbaum, all of North Smithfield, and four grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held today at 3 p.m. at the B'nai Israel Synagogue, Prospect Street, Woonsocket, with burial in B'nai Israel Cemetery, that city.

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