Charles B. Kushner

Ex-president of Ostomy Society; past Jewish War Veterans head

CRANSTON — Charles B. Kushner, 59, of 171 Belmont Rd., a past president and regional representative of the Ostomy Society of Rhode Island, died yesterday in Miriam Hospital.



Stricken with Chron's Disease, or ileitis, in 1944, when he was in Army Air Corps training, he was a store manager for Anderson Little Co. in Warwick for 25 years despite periodic hospitalization and frequent emergency room treatment. When he retired in 1970 after major surgery he told an interviewer "even though I've been hospitalized 51 times it doesn't mean I've retired from life ... I'm enjoying myself more than ever before."

Although he spent time in at least 15 other hospitals in various parts of the country, he considered Miriam his "home away from home," and his energy and abilities were greatly admired by the staff.

His interest in archeology took him to the Mayan civilization ruins in Mexico and Guatemala. His studies of ancient Egypt led to visits to the British Museum and the Louvre, and a 500-page story he worked on while convalescing. He also traveled to Vancouver and Washington on behalf of the Ostomy Society, found time to act with the Academy Players of Rhode Island, and his signature often appeared in the Letters to the Editor column of these papers.

A past state department commander of the Jewish War Veterans, and past commander of Post 23, JWV, Mr. Kushner also was a member of Temple Torat-Yisrael, and the Cranston Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Born in New York City, he lived in Providence from 1947 to 1962. The late Nat and Fannie (Fox) Kushner were his parents.

Besides his wife, Jeannette (Dobrin) Kushner, he leaves a son, Alan Kushner of Warwick; a daughter, Lynne Kushner of Jamaica Plain, Mass.; a brother, Arnold Kushner in Philadelphia; a sister, Mrs. Evelyn Herman of Coral Gables, Fla.; and two grandchildren.

His funeral service will be held tomorrow at 2 p.m. in the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial will be in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

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