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OBITUARIES

Samuel A. Kusinitz, 72; owned hotels, motels, was active in community affairs

PORTSMOUTH — Samuel A. Kusinitz, 72, of 40 Young Drive, owner of several local hotels and motels, died yesterday at Newport Hospital. He was the husband of Judy (Ernst) Kusinitz.



Born in Newport, he was the son of the late Nathan and Rose (Katzman) Kusinitz.

Kusinitz was a 1936 graduate of Rogers High School and was the captain of the basketball team for several years. He received his bachelor of arts degree from Providence College in 1941, and was the captain of the PC basketball team that year. He spent many years supporting basketball and baseball teams in Newport.

He owned Covells for many year, and the "Electric Shop," both on Thames Street, and was the owner of the Harbor Base Motel in Newport, the Carlton Motel in Middletown and the Sea View Motel in Middletown, the former Muenchinger King Hotel and Pilgrim House, both of Newport. He also started Gulliver's Travel.

Mr. Kusinitz was instrumental in starting the Newport Parent-Teachers Association. He was a member of the Middletown Rotary and the Newport Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was an Army Veteran of World War II serving in Air Force Intelligence.

He served in Newport YMCA directorships from 1966 to 1972 and Newport County Regional YMCA directorships from 1971 to 1977, was a recognized 500 Club supporter in 1981 and 1982 and in 1976 was also awarded the Century Club Plaque. He also served as umpire for the Sunset League and others in baseball.

KUSINITZ, SAMUEL A.

Besides his wife he leaves four sons, Paul Kusinitz of Portsmouth, Marc Kusinitz of Bowden, Maine and Matthew and Kevin Kusinitz of New York City; three daughters, Jean Rainey of San Antonio, Texas, Glennah Moy of Arlington, Va., and Laura Kusinitz of Johnston; a brother, Irving Kusinitz of Salem, Mass.; two sisters, Florence Chanko of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and Evelyn Grossman of Lake Worth, Fla.; and seven grandchildren.

His funeral will be held tomorrow at 11 a.m. in Temple Shalom, Valley Road, Middletown. Burial will be in the Jewish Cemetery in Brahman Cemetery.