MARKS, Jacob

Providence Pj. 12-18-1995

JACOB L. "JACK" MARKS of 24 Wriston Drive, founder and owner of the former Messer Pharmacy in Olneyville and owner of the Cole Avenue Pharmacy on the East Side for many years, died yesterday at Miriam Hospital. He was the husband of Iris (Strong) Marks.



Born in Providence, he was a son of the late Morris and Lena (Block) Marks. After more than 40 years behind the counter of the Cole Avenue Pharmacy, Mr. Marks was one of the last independent pharmacists in the state. He was particularly well-known for the taste of the coffee cabinets he mixed up behind the soda fountain. The recipe was a secret.

An Army veteran of World War II, he served in Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's headquarters command. He served in the African and European Theaters. He was a graduate of the Rhode Island College of Pharmacy and the Columbia University College of Pharmacy. He was a member of the Rhode Island Pharmaceutical Association and the National Association of Retail Druggists.

He was recently awarded a citation of achievement by the Rhode Island Department of Health for 50 years of service to the pharmaceutical profession. He was a member of Congregation Mishkon Tfiloh, the Providence Hebrew Day School, and the Providence Hebrew Free Loan Association.

Besides his wife he leaves two sons, Gary B. Marks, a lawyer, of Providence, and Dr. Lawrence B. Marks, M.D., of New Hartford, N.Y.; two brothers, Reuben and Abraham Marks, both of Providence; two sisters, Molly Siegal of Hallandale, Fla., and Miriam Goldstein of Boca Raton, Fla., and two grandsons. He was the brother of the late Betty Berger.

The funeral will be held today at noon at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St. Burial will be in Lincoln Park Cemetery in Warwick.

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MARKS, Jacob L. "Jack"

December 17, 1995. Residence: 24 Wriston Dr., Providence. Beloved husband of Iris (Strong) Marks. Devoted father of Gary B. Marks, Esq. of Providence and Dr. Lawrence B. Marks of New Hartford, NY. Dear brother of Reuben Marks and Abraham Marks, both of Providence, Molly Siegal of Hallendale, FL, Miriam Goldstein of Boca Raton, FL and the late Betty Berger. Loving grandfather of Andrew and David Marks. Funeral Services Monday at 12:00 at MAX SUGARMAN MEMORIAL CHAPEL, 458 Hope St. (Corner of Doyle Ave.) Providence. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Jacob & Iris Marks Endowment Fund, c/o Providence Hebrew Day School, 450 Elmgrove Ave., Providence. Shiva week will be observed at his late residence.

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