MAX, Stephen

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STEPHEN R. MAX, 56, of Bryn Mawr, Pa., formerly of 24 Paris St., Pawtucket, director of research and technology development at Albert Einstein Medical Center, in Philadelphia, died April 10 in Lankenau Hospital, in Wynnwood, Pa. He was the husband Dr. Barbara H. Sohmer.



Born in Pawtucket, he was a son of Leo Max of Pawtucket and the late Paula (Strasberg) Max. He was a graduate of the former West High School, now Charles E. Shea High School. He earned his bachelor's degree in chemistry and doctorate in biochemistry from the University of Rhode Island.

Dr. Max served two years in the Army, working at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, in Bethesda, Md. He later taught at Howard University and worked at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda.

In 1970, he began a 22-year tenure at the University of Maryland School of Medicine, where he held various positions, including professor of neurology, biochemistry and pediatrics.

Dr. Max was dean of the graduate school and professor of biological chemistry at Hahnemann University, now known as Allegheny University Hospitals-Hahnemann, in Philadelphia. He later joined the Albert Einstein Medical Center.

Dr. Max was also a critic of classical music for American Record Guide magazine.

Besides his wife, he leaves a son, Jonathan Max-Sohmer and a daughter, Paula Max-Sohmer, both at home; two brothers, Ronald J. and Jeffrey P. Max, both in Oregon; and a sister, Sheila Lederman of Parkland, Fla.

Funeral services and burial were held April 11 in Pennsylvania.