NOVICK, Florence (Goldstein Udall)
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Florence Novick, 97

NEW BEDFORD, MASS. – Florence V. (Goldstein Udall) Novick died on June 3 after a brief illness. She was the wife of the late Fred Udall and the widow of Edward B. Novick.



Born in Asbury Park, N.J., she was the daughter of the late Joseph Goldstein and Lillian Goldstein Caplan. She graduated from Asbury Park High School.

A graduate of the Columbia University School of Dental Hygiene, she practiced dental hygiene and lived in New York City.



During World War II she was a Red Cross volunteer nurse's aide at several Manhattan hospitals and was proud to be associated with Sydenham Hospital, one of the first racially-integrated hospitals.

Settling in New Bedford in 1960, she completed a bachelor's degree in sociology at Southeastern Massachusetts University and an M.Ed at Bridgewater State College. In 1970 she joined the faculty of the newly formed Bristol Community College Dental Hygiene program, retiring in 1986.

Always devoted to classical music and art, she studied at the Swain School of Design. She and her husband, Edward, were active in the former Friends of Music. She was a member of Tifereth Israel Congregation and its Sisterhood, the New Bedford Jewish Convalescent Home and numerous other community organizations. She was most involved in the Friends of Buttonwood Park, a group formed in 1987 to preserve the Frederick Law Olmsted concept.

Survivors include her son, Abraham Novick and his wife Ling of Baltimore; her daughter, Martha Udall Hammel, and her husband Lee, of Framingham; and two grandchildren, Ben Novick and Olivia Novick, both of Baltimore. She was the sister of the late Ada Traub and Aaron Goldstein.

Donations may be made to Tifereth Israel Congregation, 145 Brownell Ave., New Bedford Mass. 02740, or The Friends of Buttonwood Park, P.O. Box 2011, New Bedford, Mass. 02741.