PLATT, Harry

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Harry Platt dies at 79; holds Brown basketball record

WARWICK — Harry Platt, 79, of 661 Orleans Court, a member of the Brown University Hall of Fame who still holds the single-game basketball scoring record at Brown, died yesterday at the Hospice Center of Rhode Island, 50 Maude St., Providence.

Mr. Platt arrived at Brown with a reputation as only a mediocre basketball player, but once he joined the team in his sophomore year, he was a sensation from the start. On Feb. 2, 1938, he scored 48 points against Northeastern, a Brown record that still stands. He also ranks 22nd on the all-time, career scoring list at Brown with 868 points.

Mr. Platt graduated in 1940 and played pro basketball — then an unknown sport — in Philadelphia, Rochester, N.Y., and Pittsfield, Mass.

In World War II, he was a physical education instructor for the Army Air Forces at Marianna AFB, Fla. After the war, he ran a sporting goods store in the Washington Park section of Cranston and coached the Bryant College basketball team for a few seasons.

He later closed the store and went to work as a packaging engineer in the "blister" packaging division of the C.J. Fox Co. He also broadcast University of Rhode Island basketball games on radio station WEAN.

He was a salesman for C.J. Fox Co. in Providence for 36 years, retiring in 1995. He was a coordinator and instructor for the Brown University Community for Learning and Retirement. He was a past president of the University Heights Tenants Association.

Born in New York, a son of the late Morris and Rebecca (Herzlich) Platt, he had lived in Providence and Cranston before moving to Warwick three years ago.

He leaves a son, Peter Platt of Overland Park, Kan.; and two grandchildren. He was the father of the late Kenneth Platt.

The funeral will be held tomorrow at 10 a.m. at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial will be in New Cedar Park Cemetery in Westwood, N.J.

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April 6, 1997. Residence: 661 Orleans Court, Warwick. Beloved father of Peter Platt of Overland Park, KS and the late Kenneth Platt. Loving grandfather of Ryan and Jamie Platt. Funeral Services will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the MAX SUGARMAN MEMORIAL CHAPEL, 458 Hope St. (Corner of Doyle Ave.), Providence. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Edna Helen Lozow Fund, c/o Dana Farber Cancer Institute, 44 Binney St., Boston, MA 02115 or Brown University, P.O. Box 1893, Providence 02912. Shiva will be observed at his late residence, Tuesday 6-9 p.m.

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Harry Platt 40, Warwick, R.I.; April 6. He was a salesman for C.J. Fox Co. for thirty-six years before retiring in 1995. During World War II he was a physical education instructor for the U. S. Army Air Force. After the war he ran a sporting-goods store in Cranston, R.I., and coached the Bryant College basketball team. He was an instructor for the Brown Community for Learning in Retirement. A member of the Brown basketball team, he played pro basketball in Philadelphia, Rochester, N.Y., and Pittsfield, Mass., after graduation.

His single-game Brown scoring record still stands, and he was inducted into the Brown Athletic Hall of Fame in 1979. He is survived by his son, Peter, 12028 Ballantine, Overland Park, Kans. 66213.