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About 1,200 mourners, including Governor Frank Licht and Major General Leonard Holland, attended funeral services for Dr. Charles Potter, prominent obstetrician and gynecologist, who died December 10. Services were held on December 11 at Temple Beth El. Burial was in Sharon Memorial Park, Sharon, Mass.

Dr. Potter, 62, was the husband of Lillian (Kelman) Potter. He lived at 80 Fosdyke Street.

A native of Providence, he was a 1931 Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Brown University, and was graduated from the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Columbia University in 1935.

A short, soft-spoken man, he spanned several fields in his interests and acquaintances. He was an accomplished photographer, a world traveler, a collector of paintings and sculpture.

He recently received the Margaret Sanger medal, the highest award of Planned Parenthood, an organization with which he had been associated since 1938.

Charles A. Kilvert, who recently stepped down as president of Lying-In Hospital, said, "He spent a great deal of time on the family planning clinic in the hospital and I think was the person largely responsible for its getting a decent start in life, and he remained one of its best backers and servants for the rest of his life." The clinic was begun several years ago.

Dr. Potter and his wife, a biology teacher at Lincoln School, probably had traveled to every major country in the world. Before each trip they would brush up on the language and the customs of the area they would be seeing.

Usually after an extensive visit, he would show slides and photos to his friends.

Besides his wife, survivors are three daughters, Mrs. Elliot Brener of Santa Monica, California; Miss Eleanor Potter of Baltimore, Maryland, and Miss Betsy Potter of New York City.