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RAPHAEL, Dr. Sumner

# Sumner Raphael, obstetrician, medical professor, dead at 80

CRANSTON — Dr. Sumner I. Raphael, 80, of Fort Avenue, a retired obstetrician, gynecologist and medical professor, died Thursday in the Jane Brown building of Rhode Island Hospital. He was the husband of Barbara (Cohan) Raphael.

Born in Boston, a son of the late Albert and Frieda (Feinzig) Raphael, he lived in Providence for many years before moving to Cranston in 1995.

Dr. Raphael maintained a private practice in Rhode Island for many years and was on the staff of both the Rhode Island and Miriam hospitals before retiring in 1995. From 1980-1994, after a year as interim chief, he was associate chief of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Women & Infants Hospital. From 1984-1991 he was also director of ambulatory services at Women & Infants.

He was a Navy veteran, serving as a lieutenant junior grade in the Pacific during World War II.

A graduate of Tufts University and its medical school, he served as an associate clinical professor there.

He was a clinical professor at the Brown University School of Medicine from 1984-1994 and a member of the executive committee from 1979-1980. He received a teaching award from Brown in 1994 for his life-long dedication to medical education and was appointed professor emeritus of medical science in 1995.

Dr. Raphael was director of Community Reproductive Health Service, where he pioneered the use of lasers and colposcopy. He was involved in cancer research and wrote more than 15 articles for professional journals.

He was a member of the board of trustees at Women & Infants Hospital and a member of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology where he served as chairman of the Rhode Island section and secretary of District 1. He was a member of the Boston Obstetrical Society, the Rhode Island, Massachusetts, American and Providence Medical Societies, the American Fertility Society, the American Society for Colposcopy and Cervical Pathology and the Association of Professors of Gynecology and Obstetrics.

He was a member of Temple Beth-El in Providence and the Rhode Island Golf Association, serving as past president.

Besides his wife, he leaves a daughter, Joan Raphael of Chelsea, Mass.; a son, David Raphael of Panton, Vt.; and three grandchildren. He was the brother of the late Helen Mover.

The funeral will be held tomorrow at 10 a.m. at Temple Beth-El, Orchard Avenue, Providence. Burial will be in Sharon Memorial Park, Sharon, Mass.

RAPHAEL, Dr. Sumner I.

August 27, 1998. Beloved Husband of Barbara (Cohan) Raphael. Residence: 9 Fort Avenue, Cranston. Dear Father of David Raphael, Panton, VT and Joan Raphael, Chelsea, MA. Dear Brother of the late Helen Mover. Devoted Grandfather of Mara, Benjamin and Jory. Funeral Service Sunday 10:00am. Temple Beth-El, Orchard at Butler Avenues, Providence. Relatives and friends are invited. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Women & Infants Hospital, 101 Dudley Street, Providence, RI 02905. Memorial observance at his late residence Sun., 7-9; Mon., 2-4pm and 7-9pm. Arrangements by MOUNT SINAI MEMORIAL CHAPEL.