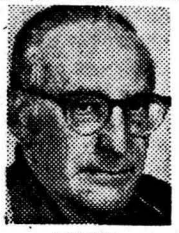
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Obituaries

Harold Rich, sports writer for *Journal-Bulletin*, dies

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PROVIDENCE — Harold Rich, 66, a *Journal-Bulletin* sports writer who chronicled the rise to national prominence of Providence College basketball and covered the Boston Red Sox for 16 years, died today at the Evergreen House Health Center in East Providence after a five-month illness.



RICH

Mr. Rich, who lived at 164 Ninth St., started his newspaper career as a schoolboy sports stringer for the *Journal-Bulletin* in the late thirties and served as a copy editor on the news, sports and financial desks before accepting a full-time position in the sports department.

A stickler for detail, he kept voluminous records of individuals and events. Mr. Rich covered most sports events but in recent years specialized in major league baseball, college football and college basketball. He regularly covered Brown University football as well as the Red Sox and the Providence College Friars.

He was named Rhode Island sports writer of the year in 1974 by the National Association of Sports Writers and Broadcasters.

Mr. Rich was a graduate of Hope High School and Providence College and attended the Boston University School of Communications and Public Relations. He served as a radio operator and aerial gunner in the Army Air Corps in World War II. His tour of duty brought him to England, North Africa and Italy.

He was a member of the U.S. Basketball Writers Association, the Baseball Writers Association of America and Sigma Delta Chi.

He was the husband of the late Mollie E. Rich.

Born in Providence, he was the son of the late Myer and Anna (Levin) Rich. He leaves a daughter, Mrs. Scott Daniels of Old Lyme, Conn.; a sister, Mrs. John Schechter of Providence, and a brother, Jordan, of Providence.

A funeral service will be held Sunday at 11 a.m. at Mt. Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope Street. Burial at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.