Bessie L. Robinson

Founder, owner of women's store at Wayland Square since 1938

WARWICK — Bessie L. Robinson, 89, formerly of Wayland Manor, founder and proprietor of Mrs. Robinson, a women's specialty store at Wayland Square since 1938, which she operated for many years before retiring, died yesterday at Pawtuxet Village Nursing Home. She was the widow of Matthew Robinson.

Mrs. Robinson was a graduate of the former Child's Business School. In 1928, she entered the women's specialty-clothing business which she conducted from her home. In 1936, she opened a store in Wakefield and later opened the store on Wayland Square.

She was known throughout the country and abroad for her exclusive trousseaus.

Born in Providence, she was a daughter of the late Simon and Pauline (Silverman) Leichter. She had lived in Providence most of her life before moving to Warwick two years ago.

She was a member of Temple Beth-El, Hadassah and the Jewish Home for the Aged.

She leaves a son, Erwin G. Robinson of Warwick; a sister, Laura Katzman of Providence; a brother, Jacob Leichter of Providence, three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

The funeral service will be tomorrow at 2 p.m. at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St. Burial will be in Congregation Sons of Israel and David Cemetery.

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December 17, 1986. Beloved Wife of the late Matthew Robinson. Former residence, The Wayland Manor. Dear Mother of Erwin G. Robinson, Warwick. Dear Sister of Laura Katzman, Providence and Jacob Leichter, Providence. Dear Grandmother of 3 Grandchildren and 3 Great-grandchildren. Funeral services 2 p.m. Friday at MOUNT SINAI MEMORIAL CHAPEL, 825 Hope at 4th Sts. Relatives and friends are invited. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the Hattie Ide Chaffee Nursing Home, East Providence. Memorial observance at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Erwin G. Robinson, 313 Squantum Drive, Warwick, Saturday 7-9 p.m., Sunday and Monday 2-4; 7-9 p.m.