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Leonard J. Rubin; former member of state arts council

PORTSMOUTH — Leonard J. Rubin, 74, of 33 Gibbs Lane, who founded Newport Furniture Co., Middletown, in 1954 and has been its president ever since, died yesterday at home. He was the husband of Joan (Coffey) Rubin.

Born in Providence, he was a son of the late Louis H. and Goldie (Schwartz) Rubin. He had lived in Portsmouth for five years, previously living in Newport for many years.

Mr. Rubin was a member of Temple Shalom, Middletown, and Touro Synagogue, Newport. He was a past president of the Kiwanis Club, Newport, and a former board member of the Rhode Island Council on the Arts. He was a benefactor of the Martin Luther King Center, Newport, and recently received the Good Samaritan Award.

He was an Army veteran of World War II.

Besides his wife he leaves a son, Barry M. Rubin of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.; a daughter, Gail Ruggieri of Portsmouth; a stepson, Benjamin Coffey of Edwards Air Force Base, Calif.; a stepdaughter, Deborah Buescher of Vero Beach, Fla.; a brother, Gerald S. Rubin of Portsmouth; two sisters, Sylvia Ziman of Providence and Rosalyn Joseph of West Yarmouth, Mass.; and a granddaughter. He was the brother of the late Selma Rubin.

A graveside service will be held today at 1:30 p.m. at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

RUBIN, Leonard J.

September 11, 1993. Residence 33 Gibbs Lane., Portsmouth, RI. Beloved Husband of Joan (Coffey) Rubin. Devoted Father of Barry M. Rubin of Palm Beach Gardens, FL and Gail Ruggieri of Portsmouth, RI. Dear Stepfather of Benjamin Coffey, Edward's A.F.B., CA; and Deborah Buescher of Vero Beach, FL. Loving Brother of Gerald S. Rubin of Portsmouth, Sylvia Ziman of Providence and Rosalyn Joseph of West Yarmouth, MA and the late Selma Rubin. Dearest Grandfather of Alisa Ruggieri. Graveside Services to which relatives and friends are invited will be held Sunday at 1:30 p.m. in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. In lieu of flowers contributions in his memory, may be made to the Martin Luther King Center, West Broadway, Newport, RI 02840. Shiva (memorial observance) will be observed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald S. Rubin, 77 Belmont Dr., Portsmouth, Sunday 7-9 p.m., Monday and Tuesday, 2-4, 7-9 p.m. only, due to the High Holy Days. Arrangements by the MAX SUGARMAN MEMORIAL CHAPEL, 458 Hope St., (corner of Doyle).

RUBIN, Leonard