PJ-B 11-16-85

Dr. Bencel L. Schiff; dermatologist, teacher

PAWTUCKET — Dr. Bencel L. Schiff of 1 Cambria Court, a dermatologist for 53 years, died yesterday at Miriam Hospital. He was the husband of Edith (Jagolinzer) Schiff.



Born in Lithuania, a son of the late Ber and Esther (Kwait) Schiff, he lived in Providence until 1948.

During World War II, he was a colonel and flight surgeon in the Army Air Force from 1940 to 1946, and served in the China-Burma-India Theater.

Dr. Schiff was also former chief of dermatology at the Veterans Admnistration Regional Medical Center for 30 years. He was a graduate of the University of Montpelier Medical School, and did his residency at Bellevue Hospital in New York City. He was a clinical professor-emeritus at the Brown University Medical School, and an associate clinical professor at Boston University Medical School.

A Fellow of the American College of Physicians, and a member of the American Academy of Dermatology, he was a past president of the New England and Rhode Island Dermatological Societies, and a member of the American Medical Association. He also was a member of Temple Beth-El, and the Roosevelt Lodge of Masons.

Besides his wife he leaves a son, Barry J. Schiff of Pawtucket; a daughter, Susan Shapiro of Marlboro, Mass., and a brother, Jack Schiff of Philadelphia.

A funeral service will be held tomorrow at 2 p.m. at Temple Beth-El, Orchard Avenue, Providence. Burial will be in Sons of Israel & David Cemetery, Providence.

SCHIFF, DR. BENCEL L.