OBITUARIES

SELVERSTONE, Bertram, M.D.

Of Providence, RI. Age 76. Neurological surgeon in private practice in RI and clinical Professor Emeritus of Neurosurgery at Brown University, died on Saturday, March 20, in Boston. Father of Joan Selverstone Clark, PhD, of Encino, CA, Peter Selverstone of Arlington, Judith Selverstone Shaw of Collinsville, CT, and Laura Gordon of South Woodstock, VT. Brother of Louis A. Selverstone, M.D. of Boston and Norman, J. Selverstone, M.D. of Cambridge. Also survived by 5 grandchildren. Services are private. Expressions of sympathy may be made to the Medical Students Financial Aid Fund, Brown University, Providence, RI 02906. Arrangements by J. S. Waterman & Sons and Eastman-Waring Funeral Home of Boston.

Dr. Bertram Selverstone, neurosurgeon; 79

SELVERSTONE DR. BERTRAM

BOSTON — Dr. Bertram Selverstone, 76, of Randall Square, a neurosurgeon and clinical professor-emeritus of neurosurgery at Brown University, died Saturday in Boston.

Born in Augusta, Ga., a son of the late Louis and Agnes Selverstone, he lived in Providence for many years.

He was a 1937 graduate of Columbia University, and received his medical degree from the Harvard Medical School in 1941. He served his internship and residency at McGill University Hospital, and the Montreal Neurological Institute from 1941-1943. During World War II, he served as a captain in the Army Medical Corps at Walter Reed General Hospital, DeWitt General Hospital, and the Letterman General Hospital.

Dr. Selverstone pioneered in the radioactive localization of brain tumors and the surgical controls of cerebral aneurysms. He invented the Selverstone Carotid Clamp, which is used to control blood flow through the carotid artery.

He served as president of the New England Neurosurgical Society from 1961 to 1962, and the Neurosurgical Society of America from 1966 to 1967. He received the Award of Honor from the Society of Nuclear Medicine in 1974 for pioneering the use of radionuclides and for contributions to nuclear medicine. He was a member of the Xeiron Society.

Upon leaving military service, he joined the faculty of Harvard Medical School, and also served as chief resident in neurosurgery from 1946-47, and clinical assistant from 1948-1951 at Massachusetts General Hospital. From 1951 to 1970, he was professor of neurosurgery at Tufts University School of Medicine, and neurosurgeon-in-chief at the New England Medical Center Hospitals.

He moved to Providence in 1970 to establish a private practice. He was appointed clinical professor of neurosurgery at Brown University in 1971, and became clinical professor-emeritus in 1985.

He leaves three daughters, Joan Selverstone Clark of Encino, Calif., Judith Selverstone Shaw of Canton, Conn., and Laura Gordon of South Woodstock, Vt.; a son, Peter Selverstone of Arlington; two brothers, Dr. Louis A. Selverstone, M.D., of Boston, Dr. Norman J. Selverstone of Cambridge, and five grandchildren.

The funeral will be private.