SEMONOFF, DAVID L.

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DAVID L. SEMONOFF, 72, of Randall Street, a chess player of note and a tournament organizer, died yesterday at Miriam Hospital.

Born in Providence, the son of the late Noah and Ida (Sutton) Semonoff, he had lived in California, New York and Newfoundland before moving back to Providence.

Although he had no formal education past high school, he was a self-educated man of letters and was well-read and astutely aware of current events.

He was an excellent chess player and organized tournaments for the Rhode Island Chess Society.

He also sponsored scholarships for promising chess players.

A funeral service will be held tomorrow at 11:30 a.m. in the Priest Chapel of Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Burial will follow.