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Rose Shocket, noted for her work on behalf of the aged, dies at 87

PROVIDENCE — Rose Shocket, 87, a resident member of the Jewish Home for the Aged, 99 Hillside Ave., died there yesterday after a two-month illness. She was the widow of Harry Shocket.

She was a former practical nurse in the area for 30 years. She was a member of Temple Torat Yisrael, and the Ladies Auxiliary of Jewish War Veterans Sackin-Shocket Post 5533, named after her son, Saul Shocket, who was killed in World War II.

From 1958 to 1970 she was "honorary president" of the state agency that preceded the Department of Elderly Affairs. She also served on the coordinating committee of the state Senior Citizens, which became the Department of Aging in Rhode Island, and on the Task Force on Aging of the state Council of Community Services.

She was appointed a member of the Governor's Advisory Committee on Aging by former Governor Licht and received an invitation to attend a conference on senior citizens at the White House by former President Richard Nixon. Former Providence Mayor Doorley appointed her to the committee on Multi-Centers for Senior Citizens.

She was a uniformed volunteer of the American Red Cross from 1943 to 1949 and received citations from Presidents Roosevelt and Truman. She was elected nine times to the presidency of the Golden Agers of the Jewish Community Center, and was a member of the Pioneer Women.

Born in Russia, she was a daughter of the late Jacob and Anna Zaidman and was a Providence resident for 70 years.

She leaves a son, James Shocket of Cranston; two daughters, Lillian Zarum of Providence and Grace Boynick of West Hartford, Conn.; seven grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

The funeral service will be held tomorrow at 1 p.m. graveside, Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

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