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SILVERMAN, Irving A.

Irving A. Silverman; store owner, hospital booster, theater champion

WARWICK — Irving A. Silverman, 72, of 275 Crestwood Rd., the president of Silverman's store, East Greenwich, retiring in 1990, a hospital volunteer and supporter, and a promoter of community theater, died yesterday at Kent County Memorial Hospital. He was the husband of Barbara (Goldberg) Chipman Silverman and the husband of the late Francine (Stern) Silverman.



Born in Providence, a son of the late Herman N. and Jennie (Solomon) Silverman, he had lived in East Greenwich for 40 years before he moved to Warwick 32 years ago. He also lived in Naples, Fla., for the last four years.

In 1946, he was a member of the last class to graduate from the now-defunct East Greenwich Academy. He was a 1948 graduate of the University of Rhode Island, with a bachelor of science and electrical engineering degree.

He was a Navy veteran of World War II.

He was past president of the Kent County unit of the Ameircan Red Cross and a former member of the Kent County Visting Nurse Association. He served on the board of incorporators of Kent County Memorial Hospital and was active in the hospital fundraising and had been a volunteer ambulance driver.

He was the founder and first president of RIACT, a state organization for the promotion of community theater, and was a charter member and past president of the Academy Players.

He was a board member of Temple Am David, a charter member and past president of the East Greenwich Rotary Club and a Paul Harris Fellow. He was a member and past president of Alpha Epsilon Pi Fraternity at URI, a member of the East Greenwich Chamber of Commerce, the American Legion Post 15 and the Wickford Power Squadron.

He volunteered with Big Brothers of Rhode Island and was chairman of the East Greenwich American Cancer Fund. He served on the board of directors of the former Old Colony Bank, East Greenwich, now Citizens Bank.

Besides his wife, he leaves a daughter, Jennifer Stern of Livington, N.J.; a stepson, Barry Chipman of Kenyon; a stepdaughter, Deborah Chipman of Warwick; three brothers, Arthur P. Silverman of East Greenwich, Howard D. Silverman of Warwick and Benjamin J. Silverman of Palo Alto, Calif.; a sister, Ruth E. Silverman of East Greenwich; and a grandson.

The funeral will be held tomorrow at 11 a.m. in Temple Am David, Gardner Street. Burial will be in Lincoln Park Cemetery.

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June 4, 1997. Residence: 275 Crestwood Rd., Warwick. Beloved husband of Barbara (Goldberg) Chipman Silverman and the late Francine (Stern) Silverman. Devoted father of Jennifer Stern of Livingston, NJ. Loving stepfather of Barry Chipman of Kenyon, RI and Deborah Chipman of Warwick. Dear brother of Arthur P. of East Greenwich, Howard D. of Warwick, Benjamin J. of Palo Alto, CA; and Ruth E. Silverman of East Greenwich. Adored grandfather of Andrew Fredrick Stern. Funeral services will be held on Friday at 11AM at Temple Am David, 40 Gardner St., Warwick. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Temple Am David, 40 Gardner St., Warwick, RI 02895 or the American Cancer Society, 400 Main St., Pawtucket, RI 02860. Shiva will be observed at his late residence on Saturday, 8-10PM and Sunday, 2-4; 7-9PM. Arrangements were by the MAX SUGARMAN MEMORIAL CHAPEL, 458 Hope St. (corner of Doyle Ave.), Providence.