SLOM, Aaron J.

May 17, 2003. Husband of Rita D. (Eisenberg) Slom. Father of Peter A., Elliot G., Michael L. Slom. Brother of Stanley Slom. Residence, Eustis Ave., Newport. A Funeral Service will be held today at 2 P.M. in the Hoffman Jewish Memorial Chapel, Fowler Ave., Newport. Shiva will be observed at his late residence, 51 Eustis Ave., Newport, Monday through Thursday 2-4 and 7-9 P.M. Contributions made to Rita and Aaron Scholarship Fund of Society of Friends of Touro Synagogue, 85 Touro St., Newport, RI 02840 in his memory would be appreciated. Arrangements are with the O'Neill-Hayes Funeral Home, Newport.

Aaron J. Slom, 84; ex-activist in sports and school affairs

NEWPORT — Aaron J. Slom, 84, of Eustis Avenue, a former business owner, longtime School Committee member, and a sports activist, died yesterday at home.



He was the husband of Rita Delores (Eisenberg) Slom. They had celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary March 8. Born in Newport, he was a son of the late Maurice Leo Slom and Sophie (Richards) Slom.

Mr. Slom worked as a printing consultant, running Prime Litho, for the past several years. In 1950, he bought into the Franklin Printing House, Newport, started in 1727 by James Franklin, and closed the business 45 years later. He had previously worked for the State of Rhode Island, setting up stands in public buildings for blind vendors.

He had served on the Newport School Committee for 18 years. He was a president of the Rhode Island Association of School Committees, chairman of Northeast Region of School Committees, and a member of the National Association of School Boards for nine years. The Newport School Committee named its facility at Thompson Middle School the Aaron J. Slom Cafetorium in his honor.

He was a member, officer and president of Congregation Jeshuat Israel, Touro Synagogue, and president of the Society of Friends of Touro Synagogue. In May 1999, he was honored at Founders Day by the Society of Friends of Touro Synagogue.

He was a graduate of Rogers High School, Class of 1936, and Providence College, Class of 1942. While at PC, he was manager of the football, basketball and baseball teams, and later was official scorer. He was awarded the Dr. Louis Burns Award from the Newport PC Alumni in 1978, and the Mal Brown Award from the Mal Brown Club of Rhode Island. He served on the PC Hall of Fame Committee.

He was a member and past president of the Newport Kiwanis Club, and former board member of Rogers Boosters Club, Boys Club, Big Brothers of Rhode Island, Newport Hospital, King Senior Citizens Center, United Hebrew School, Jewish Welfare Board and the People to People program. He was a member of Newport Lodge BPOE Elks and St. John's Lodge of Masons.

He had coached Little League baseball, and organized the Newport Independents, a basketball team for youngsters 8 to 12 years old.

He was a Navy veteran of World War II, and served as a lieutenant.

Besides his wife, he leaves three sons, Michael Slom of Lawrenceville, N.J., Peter Slom of Charlestown and Elliott Slom of North Easton, Mass.; a brother, Stanley Slom of New York City; and eight grandchildren. He was the brother of the late Earle Slom.

The funeral service will be held today at 2 p.m. in Hoffman Jewish Memorial Chapel, Fowler Avenue. Burial will follow in Beth Olam Cemetery, Middletown.