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BEN. F. SOLOMON

Funeral services for Benjamin F. Solomon, 66, proprietor of a men's clothing store in East Greenwich since 1920, who died unexpectedly last Monday, were held on Wednesday at the Max Sugarman Funeral Home. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery.

A resident of East Greenwich for most of his life, he moved there as a boy and graduated from East Greenwich Academy. Ben Solomon's store came into his hands in 1920 with the death of his father, who founded it in 1879. He made his home above the store at 235 Main Street.

In his youth he established a wide reputation as a baseball catcher, and played on a number of New England amateur and semi-professional teams.

His interest in the sport was reflected in his later life when he was active in organizing and sponsoring the Silverman-Solomon team of the East Greenwich Little League.

Once a player on the Richmond and Norfolk teams in Virginia, it is reported that Connie Mack of the Philadelphia Athletics took an interest in the young Solomon's abilities.

He was born in Providence on April 15, 1888, the son of the late Isaac and Rose (Belinsky) Solomon. An active club member, he belonged to a half-dozen organizations.

He was a member of the Maschachaug Council of Royal Arcanum, the East Greenwich Lions Club and Chamber of Commerce, Harmony Lodge, IOOF, and Kent Lodge of B'nai B'rith.

He was also a member of the Congregation Sons of Zion in Providence, a group his father was active in founding.

Surviving are his wife, Dorothy (Silverman) Solomon; a daughter, Mrs. Harvey B. Wittcoff of .St Louis; a son, Leonard Solomon of East Greenwich, and a sister, Mrs. Sadie R. Suzman of Bristol.

Card of Thanks

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