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Abraham Soloveitzik, 68, veteran reporter-editor of Westerly Sun, dies

SOLOVEITZIK, ABRAHAM

WESTERLY — Abraham Soloveitzik, 68, of 32 Chestnut St., long-time editor and reporter for the Westerly *Sun*, died Monday night at his home.

Known by scores of reporters as "Abe," Mr. Soloveitzik developed a reputation as an unstintingly fair reporter and became a journalistic institution in his home town.

Mr. Soloveitzik worked for the *Sun* from 1927 until he retired in 1975. He was sports editor from 1930 until 1957, when he became city editor.

Mr. Soloveitzik guided several generations of beginning reporters, some of whom worked for competing publications, through the intricacies of Westerly government.

Mr. Soloveitzik often recalled that the only regret of his career was that he missed the biggest Westerly story of the decade, the 1938 hurricane. He was in New York to watch a baseball game that day and could not get home to work on the story.

He was a member of Congregation Share-Zedek of Westerly, the Westerly Yacht Club, the American Legion, the Elks and B'nai B'rith. He was a past president of Words Unlimited, an organization of Rhode Island sportswriters and sportscasters.

He received many awards for his civic and charitable activities, including a special award given him in 1973 by the Rhode Island Heart Association.

Mr. Soloveitzik was an Army veteran of World War II.

Born in Westerly Oct. 17, 1910, he was the son of the late Solomon and Buni (Leibovitz) Soloveitzik. He had been a lifelong resident of Westerly.

Besides his wife, Florence (Paladino) Soloveitzik, he leaves a son, Charles Soloveitzik of Westerly; a daughter, Mrs. Bonnie Light of Springfield, Mass.; two brothers Samuel L. and Harold B. Soloveitzik, both of Westerly, and two sisters, Florence and Ella Soloveitzik, both of Westerly.

Funeral services will be held today at 2 p.m. at Congregation Share-Zedek, Union Street. Burial will be in River Bend Cemetery, Westerly.