SONKIN, Nathan

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NATHAN SONKIN, 83, of South Pasadena, Fla., a family physician, died Sept. 16 at Palms of Pasadena Hospital. He was the husband of Edna (Sackett) Sonkin.

Born in Central Falls, he moved to Florida in 1978, previously living in Providence.

He was a 1938 magna cum laude graduate of Brown University, and a member of Phi Beta Kappa. He received his medical degree from the University of California Medical School in 1943.

Dr. Sonkin had been in private practice in Pawtucket and on the staff of Miriam Hospital and Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island, Pawtucket, for many years.

Sonkin was a past president of the Pawtucket Medical Association and a member of the Pinellas County Medical Society. He was a life member of the American College of Physicians and a diplomate of the American Board of Family Practice.

He worked part-time at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Bay Pines, Fla. He also worked part-time for the Veterans Hospital in Providence for 20 years.

Sonkin was a member of Congregation B'nai Israel. He served in the Navy during World War II.

Besides his wife, he leaves a son, Steven H. Sonkin of Nokomis, Fla.; a daughter, Sharon Gershuny of St. Petersburg, Fla; a brother, Leo Sonkin of Lake Worth, Fla.; two sisters, Eva Sheer and Edith Gordon, both of Providence; and three grandchildren.

The funeral was held in St. Petersburg.