STEIN, Elliot

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Elliott K. Stein dies at 75; ex-editor of Newport Daily News

NEWPORT — Elliott K. Stein, 75, 215 Gibbs Ave., former city editor and managing editor of the Newport Daily News, died yesterday at his home. He was the husband of Josephine Horowitz Stein.

Mr. Stein, the son of the late Jacob M. and Rose Abrahamson Stein, was born in Hartford. Before he moved to Newport, he worked as a reporter at the Southington News in Connecticut and on the state desk of the Hartford Courant.

He came to Newport in the 1960s where he taught at the former Vernon Court Junior College on Bellevue Avenue. Later he wrote freelance stories for the Daily News and wrote the offbeat Much Ado sports column in the 1970s. He became the city editor and managing editor in 1980. Stein helped engineer coverage of a proposal to open a gambling casino on Goat Island that received a United Press International award for community service in 1980.

Mr. Stein also taught history at the University of Hartford, the University of Rhode Island Extension and at Vernon Court.

Mr. Stein had a bachelor's degree in history and economics from Trinity College in Hartford and a master's degree in history from Trinity.

He was an Army veteran serving as a rifleman during World War II in the European Theater — Rhineland and Ardennes Forest campaigns. He was wounded in the Battle of the Bulge and was awarded the Combat Infantry Badge, two Bronze Stars and the Purple Heart.

He was a member and past president of the Newport Lions Club and was awarded the Melvin Jones Fellowship. He worked on the Ronald McDonald House and was the co-founder of the Rhode Island Lions Children Cancer Fund. He was the Lions Club Ambassador of Good Will. He was also on the board of the Taxpayers Association of Newport.

Besides his wife, he is survived by a brother, Rabbi Israel C. Stein, of Fairfield, Conn., and two nieces and five nephews.

Mr. Stein's funeral will be held tomorrow at 2:30 p.m. in the Hoffman Jewish Memorial Chapel, Fowler Avenue. Burial will take place at Beth Olam Cemetery, Wyatt Road, Middletown.