STEPAK, Lt. Morris

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LT MORRIS STEPAK

Funeral services for Lt. Morris Stepak, 52, a member of the Providence Police Department for 30 years, who died Tuesday at Rhode Island Hospital, were held the following day in the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel. His home was at 71 Fosdyke Street.

He was born in Providence on April 3, 1909, a son of Lewis and Bessis (Cohen) Stepak. He joined the police department in April, 1931.

He served at the Sessions Street and Plain Street stations, but most of his service was in the traffic division until his transfer last September to the radio and communications division.

In January, 1934, he was awarded the service ribbon for alertness and efficiency in the arrest of an auto thief after a chase by auto and on foot which ended in the cellar of a Randall Square building. The arrest resulted in clearing several auto thefts.

He was named a sergeant on Dec. 20, 1934, and a lieutenant in April, 1953.

He was a member of Roosevelt Lodge of Masons, the Touro Fraternal Association, Fraternal Order of Police and the Navy League.

Besides his parents, he is survived by his wife, Mrs. June (Yaffee) Stepak; two daughters, Cheryl and Karen; two brothers, William and Samuel J. Stepak, both of Providence, and three sisters, Mrs. Jack Feit and Mrs. Nathan Katz of Providence and Mrs. Max Feit of Brooklyn, N. Y.

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