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W. Irving Wolf, retired jewelry executive, at 98

PAWTUCKET — W. Irving Wolf, 98, of 538 East Ave., a jewelry industry executive for many years, died yesterday at the Hallworth House, Providence. He was the husband of the late Fay (Miller) Wolf.



Born in Philadelphia, he was a son of the late Herman and Cliffie (Levy) Wolf. He had lived in Pawtucket for more than 25 years, and previously had lived in New York City.

He was a 1904 graduate of the Wharton School of Finance at the University of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Wolf was associated with Trifari, Krussman & Fishel, Inc. from 1938 to 1943. He was the president of Ostby and Barton Co., a ring manufacturing company, from 1944 to 1948.

A founder of the jewelry division of Sarah Coventry, Inc., and he retired 19 years ago but remained active as a consultant to the firm. After retiring from Sarah Coventry, he also founded Selfit, Inc. — at the age of 80 — based on a patent for adjustable rings. He maintained an office in the Hospital Trust Building until he was 90.

Mr. Wolf was a founder and trustee of the Woodmere Academy in Woodmere, Long Island, and was a director of the Woodmere Country Club.

He was a member of Temple Beth-El of Providence. He was a director of Big Brothers of R.I.

Besides his wife, he is survived by three sons, W. Stephen Wolf of Sarasota, Fla., Herman Wolf of Fairfield, Conn., and W. Irving Wolf Jr. of Pawtucket; eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

The funeral service will be held tomorrow at 2 p.m. at Temple Beth-El, 70 Orchard Ave., Providence. Burial will be private.

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