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Lena Zarchen

Actress appeared in productions at Trinity Theater and in TV ads

PAWTUCKET — Lena Zarchen of Cambria Court, an actress, singer, dancer, writer and composer, died yesterday at home. She was the widow of Saul Zarchen.

Mrs. Zarchen had acted in many plays at Trinity Repertory Theater, the Pawtucket Community Players and at Brown University. She did several television advertising commercials, including Menard Ford and the Rhode Island State Lottery.

Mrs. Zarchen was a graduate of the Trinity Repertory Conservatory, and was a member of the New York Dramatists Guild. She composed several musical comedies and a stage play for Brown University.

Born in Sherborn, Mass., she was a daughter of the late Louis and Mary (Berman) Shapiro. She lived in Framingham, Mass., before moving to Pawtucket 42 years ago.

Mrs. Zarchen was a member of Temple Beth-El, its Sisterhood, and a founder of the Talking Book at Temple Beth-El.

She leaves a son, Bernard Raisman of Warwick; a daughter, Nancy Beth Zarchen of Provincetown, Mass.; two brothers, Morris Shapiro of Framingham and Samuel Shapiro of Attleboro, Mass.; a sister, Rose Rosen of Newton Center, Mass.; five grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

The funeral service will be tomorrow at 11 a.m. at Temple Beth-El, Orchard Avenue, Providence. Burial will be in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.