

Ben Brochin, 83

FUNERAL NOTICES

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Brochin, Ben, age 83, of 3630 Phillips Parkway, St. Louis Park. He was a former owner of Brochin's Delicatessen. He's preceeded in death by his wife Bernice, brother Isadore & sister Ida Lazarus. Survived by sons & daughters in law Joseph H. Brochin & Gina Herring, Mpls, Jeremy A. Brochin & Rabbi Reena Spicehandler, Philadelphia, PA; grandchildren Ari & Elana, brother & sister in law, Joseph V. & Donna Brochin, Mpls & sisters & brother in law Dorothy & Dr. Harold Wittcoff, NY, Adele & Dr Kenneth Goldblum & Gloria Leavitt, all of Pittsfield, Mass, Numerous nieces & nephews special friend Litzie Friedman. Funeral services MONDAY 11 AM, BETH EL SYNAGOGUE, 5224 W 26th St, St. Louis Park. Memorials are preferred to the Bernice & Ben Brochin Scholarship Fund at Beth El Syn or donor's favorite charity. SHIVA, 3630 Phillips Parkway. Arr. Hodroff & Sons.

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Ben Brochin, owner of delicatessen

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Ben Brochin was a familiar face and a friend to customers at Brochin's Delicatessen in north Minneapolis for more than 36 years.

The deli was a gathering place for neighbors to discuss local, national and world events and a distribution point where Jewish families in small towns could get kosher foods.

Brochin, 83, of St. Louis Park, suffered a stroke a week ago. He died Saturday at Methodist Hospital in St. Louis Park.

Brochin was active in B'nai B'rith and Beth El Synagogue. He had donated collections of old photographs and books to the Minnesota Jewish Historical Society and the Minnesota Historical Society. He was a volunteer at the Sholom Home West in St. Louis Park and visited residents two or three times a week.

His father, Solomon, started the deli, which included a bookstore, on 6th and Lyndale Aves. N. in 1902. Ben Brochin graduated from North High School in 1928 and attended the University of Minnesota for three years before he dropped out of college to work at the store. It moved to Plymouth and Newton Aves. N. in 1933.

He became owner of the deli when his father died in 1957. Eventually, his sister Ida Lazarus took over the bookstore and moved it to St. Louis Park. The deli "specialized in ethnic foods and also was a distribution point for people who observed the dietary laws," said his brother, Joseph, of Minneapolis.

Brochin closed the deli in 1967 and sold the building. He was a manufacturer's representative for kosher food products until he retired about 10 years ago.

He was a sports fan and had season tickets to the University of Minnesota Gopher football team for 50 years. He also followed baseball and basketball and kept track of statistics for each player.

Brochin's wife, Bernice, died about eight years ago. Besides his brother, he is survived by sons Joseph, of Minneapolis, and Jeremy, of Philadelphia; sisters Dorothy Wittcoff, of New York City, and Adele Goldblum and Gloria Leavitt, both of Pittsfield, Mass., and two grandchildren.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. today at Beth El Synagogue, 5224 W. 26th St., St. Louis Park. Shiva will be held at 3630 Phillips Pkwy., St. Louis Park. Memorials to the synagogue are suggested. Arrangements are by Hodroff & Sons.