

OBITUARY

PAUL BRAGAR, 84, of SHREWSBURY, died Friday, June 11, at Riverview Medical Center, Red Bank. Born in Newark, he received a joint diploma from both Hackettstown and Red Bank high schools. He went on to attend Rider College for one year. Mr. Bragar joined the U.S. Air Force in 1942, serving as a lieutenant and an air bombardier in the South Pacific during World War II. He was made a second lieutenant on the field of battle and later went on to teach Bombardier School in Louisiana. He returned to the Monmouth County area, where he became the original owner of Little Silver Lumber & Supplies. From 1960 to 1963, Mr. Bragar was a councilman for Little Silver. In 1966, he entered the real estate business, establishing the Paul Bragar Agency, which he sold in 1977. An avid skier, he then moved to Colorado. He was also an enthusiastic boatman. He moved back to Monmouth County in 1986, living for a while in Monmouth Beach. He became a real estate appraiser, working in that capacity until he reached the age of 79, when he retired. An active member of Congregation B'nai Israel, he was chairman of the Congregation B'nai Israel Building Committee, raising funds and helping to construct the temple.

Surviving are his wife of 59 years, Arline Goldberg Bragar of Long Branch; a son, Raymond Bragar of Manhattan; two daughters, Madeline Bragar of Boston, and Carolyn Bondarovich of Boulder, Colo.; four grandchildren, Courtney Bragar, Adam Bragar, Michael Bragar, and Alexander Bondarovich; a sister, May Blank of Florida; and a brother, Norman Bragar of California.

There will be a graveside service at noon Sunday in Congregation B'nai Israel Cemetery, Tinton Falls. Donations may be made in his memory to the American Cancer Society. Worden-Hoidal Funeral Home, Red Bank, is in charge of arrangements.

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