

Pearl Pauline Berenter, Operated Clothing Store

Pearl Pauline Berenter, 89, who operated a confectionary store and then a clothing store in Washington for many years, died Wednesday at Washington Hospital Center.

Born in Poland, she came to Washington in 1899, and with her husband, William L. Berenter, opened a confectionary store at 400 7th Street SW.

In 1921, they established a clothing store at 2400 14th St. NW, which she continued to operate until retiring in 1944. Her husband died in 1938.

Mrs. Berenter, who lived at 4444 Sedgwick St. NW, was a charter member of Tifereth Israel Congregation.

She is survived by five daughters, Saadye Herman, of Silver Spring, and Mary Oshinsky Schneider, Carolyn Bogen, Irene Sherman and Clara Sennett, all of Washington; two sons, Harry, of Silver Spring, and Maurice B., of Phoenix, Ariz., 16 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

The family suggests that expressions of sympathy be in the form of contributions to Tifereth Israel Congregation.



PEARL P. BERENTER

Wilson G. Puryear, Weapons Engineer

Retired Navy Cdr. Wilson G. Puryear, 59, a weapons engineer, died Tuesday at his home, 2300 N. Monroe St., Arlington, after a heart attack.

Since his retirement from military duty in 1963, Cdr. Puryear had worked as a civilian with the Navy Department.

Born in Birmingham, Ala., he was a graduate of Murray State Teacher's College in Kentucky and held a master's degree from Vanderbilt University. He also had studied engineering at Harvard University.

During his 22 years of active duty with the Navy, Cdr. Puryear traveled extensively and was stationed at Newport, R.I., Norfolk and Washington. He was on duty at the Pentagon at the time of his military retirement.

He is survived by his wife, Ann, two daughters, Patricia and Elizabeth, and a son, Matthew, all of the home; another son, Stephen, of San Francisco; another daughter, Mrs. Larry Bryant, of Arlington, and a sister, Clara Belle Rhode, of Augusta, Ga.

Anna Fishbein, 76, Native of Russia

Anna Fishbein, 76, a resident of the Washington area since 1913, died yesterday at the Hebrew Home of Greater Washington in Rockville.

Born in Russia, Mrs. Fishbein came to the United States as a child. She was the widow of Abraham Fishbein, who died in 1942.

Mrs. Fishbein and her family helped organize the Beth Shalom Congregation here. She also was active in Hadasah and Mizrahi Youth Aliyah organizations.

She is survived by a son, Gershon, and a daughter, Mrs. Leonard Herson, both of Silver Spring; a brother, Milton G. Seneer, of Washington; a sister, Mary Deckelbaum, of Rockville, and six grandchildren.

Gertrude R. Lewins, Ex-Medical Secretary

Gertrude R. Lewins, 58, a former medical secretary at the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, died yesterday at the Springfield Hospital Center in Sykesville, Md., after a long illness.

Born in New York City, she had attended the New School for Social Research there. She also studied at American University after coming to Washington in 1944.

Mrs. Lewins worked for the pathology institute from 1947 until her retirement for disability in 1960. She was a member of the Workmen's Circle.

She is survived by her husband, Leon, of the home, 4400 East-West Hwy., Bethesda.