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John J Bourisk Sr, 94

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LEWISTON, Maine - John J. Bourisk Sr., 94, of 67 Campus Ave., Lewiston, Maine, formerly of Worcester, Mass., died Tuesday in Russell Park Manor Nursing Home after a short illness.

He leaves his wife of 64 years, Nellie M. (Haddad) Bourisk; a son, John J. Bourisk Jr. of Worcester; a brother, Elias Bourisk; a sister, Catherine Bourisk, both of Lewiston; a granddaughter; nephews and nieces. He was born in Tupper Lake, N.Y., son of Michael and Mary (Emery) Bourisk, and lived many years in Worcester. He later lived in Berlin, N.H., before moving here in 1948.

After 12 years in the appliance business in Berlin, N.H., Mr. Bourisk founded J.J. Bourisk Co. here in 1934, and it was one of the first distributors of Maytag Co. appliances in the Northeast. In 1946, he bought the Lewiston Fairgrounds and became president of the Maine State Fair Association. In the early 1950s, he was a principal in the development and operation of Scarboro Downs. He also jointly owned a shoe factory in Worcester for many years. He was active for many years in real estate in the Worcester and Lewiston areas. Among his affiliations, he was a member of St. George Orthodox Cathedral in Worcester, the Syrian Brotherhood Orthodox Society and the Syrian-American Federation. He was a member of the Maine State Fair Association.

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In 1960, he became a charter member of the national board of directors and governors of ALSAC - St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tenn. He received the Danny Thomas Award in 1979 and the Michael F. Tamer Award in 1984, both from ALSAC.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. tomorrow in St. George Orthodox Cathedral, 30 Anna St., Worcester, Mass. Burial will be in Hope Cemetery, Worcester. Calling hours at the cathedral are 10 to 11 a.m. tomorrow. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. George Orthodox Cathedral, 30 Anna St., Worcester 01604; or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 332 North Lauderdale, P.O. Box 318, Memphis, Tenn. 38101; or Holy Trinity Eastern Orthodox Nursing Home, P.O. Box 195, Worcester 01614.

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1900

Tupper Lake, New York

DIED

21 January 1994

Lewiston, Maine

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Nellie M Haddad Bourisk **wife**

John J Bourisk Jr **son**

PARENTS AND SIBLINGS

Elias Bourisk **brother**

Catherine Bourisk **sister**

Michael Bourisk **parent**

Mary Emery Bourisk **parent**

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