

Bangor merchant dies at 74

Eugene H. Cummings, a longtime merchant in downtown Bangor, died unexpectedly Sunday at a local hospital. He was 74.

Employed at the Standard Youth Center, he managed the business there for 25 years and served as the president of the Downtown Bangor Association.

Local merchants remember Cummings as a businessman who worked with members of the downtown community to improve the shopping aspects of the core area. He also was active in the Downtown Bangor Revitalization Committee.

Cummings was instrumental in bringing many of the downtown merchants together on various issues and problems.

He was an honorary member of the Graduate "M" Club at the University of Maine at Orono.

Funeral services will be held at noon Tuesday at the Jewish Funeral Chapel on Center Street with Rabbi Alan Kalinski officiating. Memorial week will be observed at the family residence, 10 Sherman Ave.

EUGENE H. CUMMINGS

BANGOR — Eugene H. Cummings, 74, died unexpectedly Nov. 4, 1979, at a local hospital. He was born in Bangor July 8, 1905, son of Samuel and Rose Cummings. He was a long-time merchant with Standard Youth Center on Main Street, Bangor. He was a former president of the Downtown Bangor Association and a 25-year merchant of Main Street. He was a member of the Bangor Chamber of Commerce and the Congregation Beth Israel. He was active in the Jewish community. He was also active in the World War II bond drive. He is survived by his wife, Bessie Cohen Cummings of Bangor; a daughter, Joanne Cotton, of Van Nuys, Calif.; four grandchildren, several aunts, uncles and cousins. Funeral services will be held at noon Tuesday at the Jewish Funeral Chapel on Center Street with Rabbi Alan Kalinsky officiating. Interment will take place in Beth Israel Cemetery, Bangor. Memorial week will be observed at the family residence, 10 Sherman Ave., Bangor. Friends who wish may contribute in his memory to the Maine Heart Association, 20 Winter St., Augusta, 04330. Arrangements by Brookings-Smith.