

Arni Asgeirsson, 69, Former Swim Champion

WAKEFIELD — Arni Asgeirsson, 69, of 72 Forest st., a retired fisherman, died Saturday at the Lemuel Shattuck Hospital after a long illness.

His brother, Asgeir Asgeirsson, is president of Iceland.

He was born in Iceland, and joined the Icelandic merchant marine when he was 16. He became the national swimming champion of Iceland in 1919.

He came to this country in 1922, and worked on trawlers out of Boston for 30 years. He leaves his wife, Kristin,

a daughter, Mrs. Soleig Jonsen of Iceland, three sons, Atty. Jon A. Asgeirsson and Dr. Arni G. Asgeirsson, both of Reading, and Paul Asgeirsson of Portland, Or., and 11 grandchildren.

He also leaves a sister, Asta, of Iceland, and four brothers, Kormakur of Newtonville, Ragnar, Matthias, and Asgeir Asgeirsson, all of Iceland.

Services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. at the Stoneham Seventh Day Adventist Church, 29 Maple st. Burial will be in Puritan Lawn Cemetery, Peabody.

Obituary for Arni Asgeirsson

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