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BECK, Edmund

August 5, 2003. Residence, Shirley Blvd., Cranston. Beloved husband of Mildred Beck. Devoted father of Eileen Bojar and her husband David of Cranston. Loving grandfather of E. Jordan, Louisa and Deborah. Dear brother of the late Ira and Murray Beck. Funeral Service Thursday 2pm in the SHALOM MEMORIAL CHAPEL, 1100 New London Ave., Cranston. In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to the Temple Torat Yisrael Religious Endowment Fund, 330 Park Ave., Cranston, RI 02905 or the Philip Hultar Inpatient Center, 50 Maude Street, Providence, RI 02908. Shiva will be observed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David M. Bojar, 10 Annual Drive, Cranston Thursday 7-9, Friday 2-4 and Sunday 2-4 and 7-9pm.

EDMUND BECK, 88, of 74 Shirley Blvd., a retired liquor-store owner, and an award-winning advocate for the blind, died yesterday at Philip Hultar Inpatient Center, Providence.

He was the husband of Mildred Beck. Born in Russia, a son of the late Israel and Dvorah Beck, he had lived in Cranston for over 50 years.

Mr. Beck had been the owner of the former Eddie's Liquor Store for many years before retiring 32 years ago.

He was a member of Temple Torat Yisrael, a past president of its Men's Club and a past vice president of programming. He was a past head of the Rhode Island Liquor Store Association.

He was a member of the Governor's Advisory Council for the Blind and Visually Impaired, the Governor's Committee for the Handicapped, and the Governor's Commission to Study Human Rights of the Disabled, and chairman of the subcommittee on legislation and legal awareness of the Governor's Committee of Employment of the Handicapped. He received the Governor's

Award in 1982 as "Volunteer Man of the Year."

He was a volunteer lobbyist for the National Federation of the Blind, as well as a past president and legislative representative. He called himself "a professional volunteer and advocate for the blind." He was a charter member of the Independent Living Authority and a board member of the Senior Citizens Transportation Committee.

He was a chairman of the Rhode Island Chapter of the AARP state legislative committee, a member of the Cranston Chapter the AARP's board of directors, and a volunteer lobbyist for AARP.

He was a volunteer in the Coast Guard Reserve during World War II.

Besides his wife, he leaves a daughter, Eileen Bojar of Cranston, and three grandchildren. He was the brother of the late Ira and Murray Beck.

A funeral service will be held today at 2 p.m. in Shalom Memorial Chapel, 1100 New London Ave. Burial will be in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.