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MORRIS BILLINGKOFF

Funeral services for Morris Billingkoff, 82, of East Providence, who died Tuesday, June 27, were held Thursday, June 29 at the Sugarman Funeral Home. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery.

Mr. Billingkoof, who under the name of Young Montreal, rose to national prominence in the 1920's as a bantamweight boxer, was the husband of Lea (Bachrach) Billingkoff.

The diminutive fighter, who came to this country from Russia as a boy, won claim in 1919 to the American flyweight title, but relinquished it to compete in the bantamweight division.

He never won the bantamweight title. He battled on even terms with Joe Lynch and Pete Herman with the bouts going to no decision. He also fought a series of bouts with Providence bantamweight Terry Martin.

During his career he fought 106 professional bouts, winning 11 by knockouts and 46 by decision. He was knocked out only once.

He often headed the boxing card at the old Infantry Hall, Providence, and the Marieville Gardens, North Providence. In later years, he volunteered his services as a boxing coach to the Providence CYO and various orphanages.

Besides his wife, he is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Maida Horovitz and three grandchildren.

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