

BLACKMAN,
ARTHUR I.

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 **BLACKMAN, ARTHUR I.**, 84, of 42 Willow Dr., Cranston, died Tuesday at Rhode Island Hospital. He was the beloved husband of Sylvia (Wolf) Blackman. Born in New York City, a son of the late Louis and Anna (Frank) Blackman, he had lived in Cranston for 46 years. He was a WWII US Air Corps Veteran serving as a captain in the Flying Tigers in China, earning a Purple Heart among other decorations. Before retiring, he was an adjunct professor at Bryant College, the owner of Maximin and the Vice President of Alumiline. He was a graduate of New York University, earning a B.A. and a graduate of Bryant College, earning an MBA. He was a board member of the Jewish Seniors Agency and of Aging 2000. He was a longtime volunteer for the Samaritans and the Cranston Senior Center. He was the first male member of the League of Women Voters. He was an avid racquetball player and gardener.

Devoted father of Leo J. Blackman and his partner Kenneth Monteiro of New York City and Fran E. Blackman and her husband Kenneth Kadezabek of Weston, CT. Loving grandfather of Sam and Benjamin Kadezabek. Dear brother of the late Lawrence Blackman. Cherished uncle of Kenneth and Adele Blackman. Adored great uncle of Michael Blackman.

A memorial service will be held Friday, Feb. 4 at 11:30 a.m. upstairs in the Casino at Roger Williams Park, Providence. In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to The Jewish Seniors Agency, 229 Waterman Ave., Providence, RI 02906 or UCAP, 75 Carpenter St., Providence, RI 02903. The family will receive guests at his late residence Thursday 2-4 and 7-9 & Friday 7-9 p.m. Arrangements by SHALOM MEMORIAL CHAPEL, 1100 New London Ave., Cranston.