

BLANK,
ANITA
(PERCELAY)

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BLANK, Anita (Percelay)

August 6, 2002. Beloved wife of the late Louis Blank. Residence: 353 Blackstone Blvd., Providence. Dear mother of Libby Blank, Boston, Ma.; Joanne Upton, Cambridge, Ma.; Rachel Schultz, South Orange, N.J.; Marsha Goldstein, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Judith Blank, San Francisco, Ca.; and Matthew Blank, Providence. Loving sister of Shirley Graubert, Surfside, Fla.; and the late Earl Morton Percelay. Devoted grandmother of Andrew, Susan, Tanya, Lucy, Rachel, Julian and great-grandmother of Zachary and Annabelle. Graveside service 10:45 a.m. Thursday at Sharon Memorial Park, Sharon, Ma. Relatives and friends are invited. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Anita P. Blank Scholarship Fund at Brown University or Hadassah. Shiva to be observed at the home of her beloved niece, Abby Percelay Leavitt, 40 Dryden Ave., Pawtucket, Thursday following interment and 7-9, and Friday 2-4 p.m. The family was assisted with the arrangements by the SUGARMAN-SINAI MEMORIAL CHAPEL.

ANITA (PERCELAY) BLANK, 84, of 353 Blackstone Blvd., a teacher and social worker in her youth, died yesterday at home.

She was the wife of the late Louis Blank. Born in Pawtucket, a daughter of the late Joseph and Esther (Backman) Percelay, she had in Brookline, Mass., for most of her adult life. She returned to Providence in 2001.

Mrs. Blank was a 1939 graduate of the former Pembroke College, now part of Brown University. She was an active alumna at Brown.

As a young woman, she worked briefly as a teacher and a social worker. She also had taught piano in Providence.

Mrs. Blank was a life member of Hadassah, and a past president of the Brookline chapter. She was a longtime member of Kehillath Israel Synagogue, in Brookline, and its Sisterhood.

□ She leaves five daughters, Libby Blank of Boston, Joanne Upton of Cambridge, Mass., Rachel Schultz of South Orange, N.J.; Marsha Goldstein of Brooklyn, N.Y., and Judith Blank of San Francisco; a son, Matthew Blank of Providence; a sister, Shirley Graubart of Surfside, Fla.; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. She was a sister of the late Earl Morton Percelay.

A graveside service is planned tomorrow at 10:45 a.m. in Sharon Memorial Park, Sharon, Mass.