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GILBERT P. COHEN, 63, of Meshanticut Valley Parkway, former owner of G.P. Cohen Realty Inc. and Excel Distributors, and a leader in temple organizations, died yesterday at Rhode Island Hospital.

He was the husband of Lois (Silverman) Cohen. Born in Boston, a son of the late Morris and Frances Cohen, he lived in Cranston for 30 years.

Mr. Cohen was the owner of G.P. Cohen Realty, Inc., which specialized in nonresidential real estate, from 1978 until he retired in 1995. He had owned Excel Distributors, Providence, from 1958 to 1978.

He was a graduate of Brown University, Class of 1958, and was president of Brown's Hillel Foundation in his senior year. He was a member of Temple Sinai, and its board of directors in 1986. He was a board member of the former Temple Beth Israel in 1975, and past president of its Men's Club in 1969 and 1970.

He was a former vice president of Temple Torat Yisrael Men's Club in 1984. He was scoutmaster of Troop 20 at Temple Emanu-El and chairman of its scouting committee in 1964. He was a member of the Rhode Island Builders Association, R.I. Realtors, Greater Providence Board, and a former member and director of the Commercial Investment Division of the Rhode Island Association of Realtors.

Besides his wife, he leaves two sons, Mitchell and Richard Cohen, both of Cranston; a brother, Michael R. Cohen of Atlanta; and a grandson.

The funeral service will be held Sunday at 10 a.m. in Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial will be in Sharon (Mass.) Memorial Park.

COHEN, Gilbert P.

March 23, 2000. Residence: 455 Meshanticut Valley Pkwy., Apt. #314, Cranston. Beloved husband of Lois (Silverman) Cohen. Devoted father of Mitchell Cohen and Richard Cohen, both of Cranston. Dear brother of Michael R. Cohen of Atlanta, GA. Loving grandfather of Noah. Funeral Services will be held Sunday at 10AM at the MAX SUGARMAN MEMORIAL CHAPEL, 458 Hope St. (corner of Doyle Ave.), Providence. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Temple Sinai, 30 Hagan Ave., Cranston or the Heart Fund, 275 Westminster St., Providence. Shiva will be observed at his late residence Sunday through Thursday 2-4, 7-9PM and Friday 2-4PM.