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**Raymond Eichenbaum,**  
**only member of family to**  
**survive Holocaust, dies at 64**

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PROVIDENCE — For years Raymond Eichenbaum, a concentration camp survivor, labored to fashion a tribute to his sister, Bronia, who died heroically at age 18 during the Holocaust.

He finally finished a play about her in 1991, but not until last Sunday was *Till Death Did Us Part* performed publicly — by a group of friends before a small but moved audience at the Jewish Community Center.

Yesterday, only two days after that performance, Raymond Eichenbaum, 64, of 96 Savoy St., died at the Miriam Hospital.

One of those moved by the timing was Norman Sadler of Lorimer Avenue.

"That play added another dimension to everything," Sadler, an acquaintance, said.

After the play, audience members were invited to the Eichenbaums' nearby home to enjoy Alice (Handel) Eichenbaum's homemade pastry and her latkes, potato pancakes traditionally served during Hanukkah. Sadler said his wife, Marika, and



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"He died at a high point of his life," said Dr. Saul Martin, who performed a leading role in the play written by his close friend.

Raymond Eichenbaum lost his parents, his sister and his brother, Moniek, during the war and was the only member of his family to survive. Like other Holocaust survivors, he since had "gone through a lot of hell," Martin said.

The play, directed by Tony Annicone, resurrected many raw feelings, Martin said, but it also greatly satisfied Mr. Eichenbaum by memorializing his beloved sister.

"He got a lot of what he wanted to from putting on the play," he said.

Both at a party at Martin's home the night before the performance and at a celebration Sunday night at Temple Emanu-El, Martin said, Mr. Eichenbaum was laughing and joyous.

Edith E. Grant and her husband, Harold E. Grant, have known the Eichenbaums for more than 16 years. Edith Grant she described Raymond as the gentlest of people.

"He was a giant of a human being who taught in the community by going to the schools and telling them about the Holocaust in a gentle and forgiving way," she said.

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December 14, 1993. Beloved husband of Alice (Handel) Eichenbaum. Residence 96 Savoy Street, Providence. Dear father of Howard Eichenbaum, Somerville, MA and Cary Eichenbaum, Providence. Funeral Service 1 PM Wednesday at TEMPLE