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FRANK, BEATRICE, 86, of Sweetbriar Drive, Cranston, a philanthropist who believed that charitable acts are best carried out in anonymity, died Wednesday at Cherry Hill Manor in Johnston. She was the wife for 50 years of the late Maurice Frank, with whom she donated to a wide array of organizations and individuals.



When helping those in need, the Franks often insisted on remaining unidentified, believing that the purest form of charity lies in forgoing the pleasure of accepting gratitude. Frequently, they located potential recipients through columns written by the late John Hanlon of the Providence Journal. After a Hanlon column would appear profiling someone in need, help would arrive from an unidentified source.

Widely read, strongly opinionated, and devoted to keeping up with world and national news, Mrs. Frank lost the ability to read her beloved books and newspapers at age 70, when macular degeneration severely damaged her eyesight. She turned to books on tape, and later, at age 80, mastered the Worldwide Web on a large-image computer designed and built for her by one of her grandchildren.

After graduating from Hope High School in 1936, Mrs. Frank worked as a bookkeeper in her family's businesses, The Providence Yarn Co. and The Yarn Outlet, but her voracious reading habits gave her the equivalent of a college degree. She was so conversant with the National Geographic magazine that she became an expert on world geography. Also an amateur meteorologist, she kept several barometers for frequent consultation.

Mrs. Frank's late husband was a founding member of the 100 Club of Rhode Island, which provides aid to the survivors of police officers and firefighters who die in the line of duty. The connection made her an avid follower of the chatter on police scanners, and for years, she kept one in nearly every room of her house. Mrs. Frank was an avid Red Sox fan, and she followed last year's World Series victory with enthusiasm. She also enjoyed following professional golf, and, in particular, Tiger Woods. She was an animal lover known to care for abandoned dogs and cats, and was a former volunteer for the SPCA.

Mrs. Frank, who was born in Providence and was also a longtime resident of both Cranston and Pawtucket, summered annually in

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Narragansett for many years in a family compound on Boon Street. A lifelong collector of Jewish recipes, Mrs. Frank retained her ardor for cooking even when her eyesight failed, and she annually supervised preparation of the Passover seder at the home of her daughter, Ann Goldstein. Mrs. Frank was a member of Temple Beth-El in Providence for 50 years, and was a life member of Hadassah and the Order of the Eastern Star. She was a supporter of the former Jewish Home for the Aged in Providence, and was a member of the Miriam Hospital Women's Auxiliary and the Rhode Island Jewish Historical Society.

In addition to her many contributions to individuals, Mrs. Frank was a benefactor of Providence College, the University of Missouri School of Journalism, the Harvard School of Public Health, Methodist Hospital in Houston, Tex., Rhode Island Hospital, Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island and Temple Beth-El.

Mrs. Frank was a daughter of the late Isadore and Sophie (Forman) Samdperil. She is survived by two daughters, Fay Rozovsky, of Bloomfield, Conn. and Ann Frank Goldstein, of Greenville, R.I.; two brothers, Albert Samdperil, of Boynton Beach, Fla., and Charles Samdperil, of Narragansett; four grandchildren, Joshua and Aaron Rozovsky, of Bloomfield; Jennifer Parson, of Milford, Mass., and Jonathan Goldstein, of Durham, N.C.; two great-grandchildren, Eva G. Parson, of Milford, and Joseph H. Goldstein, of Durham; and numerous devoted friends, including Judy Montgomery, of Colorado Springs, Colo., whom she considered a daughter, and Brendan Montgomery, of Colorado Springs, whom she considered a grandson. Mrs. Frank was the sister of the late Claire White.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. tomorrow at TEMPLE BETH-EL, 70 Orchard Ave., Providence. Burial will be in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. Shiva will be observed at the home of her daughter, Ann Frank Goldstein, 76 Colwell Rd., Greenville, from 7-9 p.m. Sunday and 2-4 and 7-9 Monday and Tuesday. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Rozovsky and Frank Scholarships, c/o The Development Office at Providence College, 549 River Ave., Providence, R.I. 02918; or to the Frank Scholarship Fund at University of Missouri School of Journalism, c/o Catey Terry, 103 Neff Hall, Columbia, Mo., 65211-1200. Arrangements are by SHALOM MEMORIAL CHAPEL, 1100 New London Ave., Cranston.