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Maurice Frank, 82; philanthropist, industrial real-estate developer

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July 25, 1999. Residence: 182 Sweetbriar Dr., Cranston. Beloved husband of Beatrice (Samdperil) Frank. Devoted father of Ann Frank Goldstein and husband, Gerald of Cranston and Fay Rozovsky and husband, Lorne of Richmond VA. Dear brother of the late Maurice Frank and Sylvia Boxer. Loving grandfather of Joshua and Aaron Rozovsky and step-grandfather of Jonathan Goldstein and Jennifer Parson. Funeral Service Monday at 11 AM at TEMPLE BETH-EL, 70 Orchard Ave., Providence. In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to the William G. Braude Library, c/o Temple Beth-El. Shiva will be observed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Goldstein, 258 Poplar Dr., Cranston Monday 7-9, Tuesday 2-4 and 7-9 and Wednesday 2-4 PM. Arrangements by SHA-LOM MEMORIAL CHAPEL, 1100 New London Ave., Cranston.

CRANSTON — Maurice Frank, 82, of 182 Sweetbriar Drive, who survived a plane crash in Canada as a young man and went on to a business career and a life of quiet philanthropy in Rhode Island, died yesterday at home. He was the husband of Beatrice (Samdperil) Frank.



Born in Manhattan, he was the son of the late Isidor Frank and Ida (Levine) Frank of New York City and Narragansett.

A developer of industrial real estate, Mr. Frank was also an accomplished amateur photographer who won numerous awards for waterfront scenes he took in his native New York City and Narragansett.

Mr. Frank's philanthropy stemmed from his gratitude for being spared in 1947, when the small plane he had chartered for a business trip broke apart aloft and crashed into dense woods. The pilot was killed, but Mr. Frank, sitting beside him, was thrown before impact through the aircraft's windshield. With his left leg shattered, he waited 11 hours before lumberjacks discovered him.

Influenced by his good fortune — despite lifelong discomfort that resulted from the crash — Mr. Frank, in partnership with his wife, donated to an array of organizations and individuals, often insisting on anonymity.

Favorite sources for identifying recipients were columns written by the late John Hanlon of the Providence Journal. Often, after a Hanlon column profiled someone in need, help would arrive from an unidenti-

fied patron.

Mr. Frank was also a benefactor of Providence College, the University of Missouri School of Journalism, the Harvard School of Public Health, Methodist Hospital in Houston, Texas, Rhode Island Hospital and Temple Beth-El, in Providence.

Mr. Frank, who grew up in the Bronx, N.Y., joined his wife's family businesses, the Providence Yarn Co., BCA Realty Co., and Five-Thirty Wellington Inc., after their marriage 50 years ago and became an expert in industrial real estate, buying old mills for yarn warehousing and later renovating and leasing them to other businesses.

A long-time resident of both Pawtucket and Cranston, Mr. Frank was a founding member of the 100 Club of Rhode Island, which provides money and scholarships for the survivors of police officers and firefighters who die in the line of duty. He was named an honorary state police captain by the late Col. Walter Stone, and was a former member of the Pawtucket Fraternal Order of Police.

He was a member of Temple Beth-El, Orpheus Lodge, F&AM, and the Shriners and a former member of the Kirkbrae and Crestwood Country Clubs.

He leaves two daughters, Fay Rozovsky of Richmond, Va., and Ann Frank Goldstein of Cranston, and two grandsons. He was the brother of the late Sylvia Boxer of Miami Beach, Fla., and the late Maurice Frank of New York City.

The funeral will be held today at 11 a.m. from Temple Beth-El, 70 Orchard Ave., Providence. Burial will be in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.