

FRIEDMAN, DAVID

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FRIEDMAN, DAVID, 87, of Woodland Terrace, died Monday, April 13, 2009 at Miriam Hospital surrounded by his family and dearest friends. He was the beloved husband of Frances (Roy) Friedman for 64 years, and the son of the late Benjamin and Rebecca (Leibowitz) Friedman. Born in New York City, he was a lifelong resident of Providence.



Friedman, a national leader in the restaurant supply industry, was Chairman of Paramount Restaurant Supply Corp. and Monarch Industries, Inc., and

was also involved in several other business ventures. David was a WWII Army veteran, serving domestically in the Signal Corps, until his discharge.

He was universally respected for his creative vision and business acumen and was the driving force behind the creation of the Culinary School at Johnson and Wales University where he served as a Legacy Trustee for over 30 years. He was a member of Temple Beth-El and Temple Emanu-El of Providence and was a former board member of the Jewish Federation of RI and Miriam Hospital.

Devoted father of Diane Ducoff and her husband, Dr. Robert, of Providence and the late Larry Friedman and his surviving wife, Marilyn Friedman Shealey of Providence. He is survived by his wife, Frances, and his children, David and Leah.