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RAYMOND

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 **GERTZ, RAYMOND A.,** 88, of Cranston, died Saturday, November 26, 2011, at Kent Hospital, Warwick. He was the beloved husband of Minnie (Gurwitz) Gertz for 63 years.



Born in Providence, a son of the late Ben and Tillie (Simons) Gertz, he had lived in Cranston for 59 years.

Ray was a graduate of Hope High School, Class of '41 and Yale University, where he received his B.S. in Mechanical Engineering in 1946. He was a WW-II Navy veteran serving in the Pacific Theater. Ray was the founder and president of Neptune-Benson, Inc. in West Warwick for 34 years, retiring 20 years ago. He held many patents for filtration systems and was recognized in the "Swimming Pool Hall of Fame" for water filtration design. Mr. Gertz was a founding member of Temple Sinai and was a past president of the Temple and its Brotherhood.

Devoted father of Bruce Gertz and his wife Roberta of Melrose, MA, Francine Gertz and her husband Burt Strom of Wakefield, RI, Susan Gertz of Stamford, CT, Carol Gertz and her husband David Blumenstock of Westford, MA and Lucille Gertz and her husband Larry Pottebaum of Tyngsborough, MA. Loving grandfather of Annalee, Ruby, Rachel, Willow, Eva, Joshua, Autumn, Stephanie and Benjamin. Dear brother of the late Norman and Babe Gertz.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday at 12:00 noon in TEMPLE SINAI, 30 Hagen Avenue, Cranston followed by interment in Sinai Memorial Park in Warwick. In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to Temple Sinai or your favorite charity. Arrangements by SHALOM MEMORIAL CHAPEL, Cranston.