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GLASSMAN, Frederick R.

July 15, 2000. Residence: 24 Marigold Circle, North Providence. Beloved husband of Doris (McNally) Glassman. Devoted father of William E. Glassman, Toronto, Canada and Marilyn Shanman, Chappaqua, NY. Adored grandfather of Ellen, David and Daniel. Funeral services Sunday at 9AM at the MOUNT SINAI MEMORIAL CHAPEL, 825 Hope at Fourth Sts., Providence. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Hallworth House, 66 Benefit St., Providence, RI 02904. Shiva will be observed at his late residence Sunday and Monday, 2-4 and 6-8PM.

Frederick R. Glassman, 89; 'Mr. Blackstone Valley,' founder of Park & Shop

NORTH PROVIDENCE — Frederick R. Glassman, 89, of 29 Marigold Circle, who founded Park & Shop in Pawtucket and was a prominent figure in the Blackstone Valley business community, died yesterday at Hallworth House, Providence.

He was the husband of Doris (McNally) Glassman. Born in Worcester, Mass., a son of the late Israel and Annie (Segel) Glassman, he lived in North Providence since 1982, previously living in Pawtucket for 38 years.

Mr. Glassman played such a large role in the community that The Providence Journal dubbed him "Mr. Blackstone Valley" in a 1993 story.

One of his well-known ventures was Park & Shop in Pawtucket. He started the corporation in 1957, after downtown business owners complained about a lack of parking for customers. The corporation provided low-cost off-street parking for shoppers.

He was also credited with reviving the Pawtucket Chamber of Commerce. When asked to be president of the group in 1959, he said, "I'm not going to preside over a corpse. Either we have a great Chamber, or you don't have me for president."

After he became president, the group, renamed the Blackstone Valley Chamber, became the first Chamber in New England to be accredited by the National Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Glassman was inducted into the Rhode Island Heritage Hall of Fame in 1979. He was also an activist in his community, working to bring the Davies Vocational-Technical School to Lincoln, among other pursuits.

Mr. Glassman was appointed chief of rubber conservation for the War Department during World War II, when he was 31. After the war, he became general manager of Apex Tire & Appliance Co., now Apex department stores.

He founded Ford Products Co., which fabricated aluminum storm doors and windows, in Attleboro in 1952, but moved the company to Pawtucket five years later.

Besides his wife, he leaves a son, William E. Glassman of Toronto, Canada; a daughter, Marilyn Shanman of Chappaqua, N.Y.; and three grandchildren.

A funeral service will be held today at 9 a.m. in Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial will be in Beth El Cemetery, Providence.