GRANOFF, FRANCES

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**GRANOFF, FRANCES (TABER),** 85, passed away at home, peacefully, on September 26th after a lengthy illness. Born



in Providence, Frances was the eldest child of the late Phillip and Eleanor (Dash) Taber. Frances is survived by her loving children; Merle G. Shaer and son Loren Granoff, her grandchildren; Elana K. Shaer and Marc P. Shaer; her devoted sister Wileen T. Coyne and numerous nieces and nephews. Frances was married to her beloved husband of 66 years, Samuel Granoff, who recently predeceased her. She was also the mother-in-law of the late William H. Shaer.

Frances expressed a coming-of-age for children who were raised in the Depression. A quintessential Providence girl, Frannie graduated from Hope High School, Class of 1945. In 1948, she married the dashing New England textile man, Samuel Granoff. Frances and her dear parents were warmly welcomed by the Granoff and Samdperil families. Consistent with the era, Frances thrust herself into family life creating a happy and nurturing home. While Fran and Sam were fixtures at Narragansett Beach and enjoyed time together, she developed her own independence and modernity; reflecting the optimism and ambition for a woman of her time.

Frances was well rounded. She was a classically trained pianist, an athlete who enjoyed golf, was known to shoot hoops with Loren and his friends after school and was a member of the Temple Beth El bowling league. Emulating her cherished mother, Eleanor, Frances was a wonderful cook, baker and home maker. Stubbornly, yet gracefully, Frances held on to life and her dignity until the end. Special acknowledgment to Lucia and Melanie who not merely cared for Frances but doted on her every need.

Funeral services will be held on Sunday, September 29th at 2:15 PM at Temple Beth El, 70 Orchard Ave., Providence with Burial in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory may be made to the "Patient Free Care Program" at Home & Hospice Care of Rhode Island 1085 North Main Street, Providence 02904. Shiva will be Private. For information and condolences, go to www.SugarmanSinai.com.