

Louis M. Grant Dies at 103, Long a Manufacturer Here

Louis M. Grant, 103, one of Rhode Island's oldest residents, died yesterday at his home.

Mr. Grant owned the A. Grant Jewelry Co. on Page Street for many years and was nationally known for his creative designs. Before retiring 20 years ago, he was associated with the Grant Supply Co. at 204 Westminster St., a textile firm engaged in the manufacture and sale of pile fabrics.

Mr. Grant told a reporter not long ago, that he believed the secret of his longevity was that he never considered it necessary to hate or be jealous, to have ill will or prejudice.

Asked at that time how long he expected to live, Mr. Grant replied, "Shh. I think that Fellow upstairs has forgotten me—let's not remind him." He maintained another reason for his long life was the love he had for America, his adopted country, and its people.

He was born in Odessa, Russia, and came to Providence in his teens. He was the husband of the late Mary D. (Newman) Grant.

Mr. Grant was the sole surviving charter member of What Cheer Lodge, Knights of Pythias, and the last of the original uniform guard of that organization. He was the first chairman of the Hebrew Free Loan Association, a society formed in South Providence at the turn of the century to extend small loans to people in need.

He was the oldest living member of Temple Beth-El and an officer and co-founder of many



fraternal, charitable and social service groups, including the Rhode Island Workingmen's Beneficial Association and Miriam Hospital. He was also a Third Deputy Grand Master of the National Order of B'rith Sholom.

He leaves a son, Max L. Grant, and a daughter, Mrs. Fannie G. Brown, both of Providence; four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

A funeral service will be held tomorrow at 2 p.m. at Temple Beth-El, Orchard Avenue, Providence. Entombment will be in the family mausoleum at the Congregation Sons of Israel and David Cemetery, Reservoir Avenue. A memorial service will be held tomorrow at 7 p.m. at the home of his son, Max L. Grant, 90 Hazard Ave.

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