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GREENBERG, BURLEIGH

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GREENBERG, BURLEIGH B., 97, of Providence, died Saturday, June 27, 2009. Born July 25, 1911 in Providence to Harry and Sarah Brier Greenberg.

He graduated Classical High School and went on to RI School of Design. He went to work at Brier Manufacturing in Providence and except for living a year in Kobe, Japan and a year in Jablonec and Nisou, Czechoslovakia on business before the outbreak of WWII, he had always lived in Providence. Youngest brother of Dr. Benjamin Greenberg, Maurice Greenberg and Jacob Greenberg.

He married Ruth Leven of Logan, Utah and West Hartford, Connecticut January 25, 1942 and soon afterwards joined the US Army. He graduated Officers. Candidate School and retired in 1945 as a Captain.

He rejoined Brier Manufacturing as Executive VP and later went on to found the B.B. Greenberg Co. and Mercury Products Corp. He especially enjoyed mentoring so many who later went on to form and lead the costume jewelry industry in the USA, Japan, Korea, Hong Kong and China.

He found time from his work to manage Frank Licht's run for Governor of Rhode Island and support his philanthropies of the Miriam Hospital, Jewish Home for the Aged, the Brown Medical School and Providence Public Library where he also served on its Board.

He was the beloved husband of Ruth and proud father of three children and 4 grandchildren:

William and Anita Greenberg of Lincoln and grandchildren Yael and David Greenberg of New York, Dr. Tanya and David Weinstock of Boston. Mayor Judith and Judge James Kleinberg of Palo Alto, California and grandchildren Lauren Kleinberg; Sheryn Ang and Alexander Kleinberg of Menlo Park, CA and Singapore. Peter Greenberg and Desire Adams of North Providence.

His funeral service will be held Tuesday at 11 AM in Temple Beth-El, 70 Orchard Ave. Providence, with a burial in Sharon Memorial Park, Sharon, MA. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made to the Providence Public Library, 150 Empire St. Providence, RI 02903. Arrangements by Sugarman-Sinai Memorial Chapel.