Abraham Gurwitz, founder, president of Halsey Co., dies

PAWTUCKET — Abraham S. "Abel" Gurwitz, 82, of 22 Lafayette St., founder and president of the Halsey Co., Providence, for 50 years, died Saturday at Miriam Hospital. He was the husband of Madeline (Marks) Levitt-Gurwitz. He was the husband of the late Mildred (Waldman) Gurwitz. He was also the husband of the late Sylvia (Woolf) Gurwitz.

Born in Massachusetts, a son of the late Harry and Fannie (Blazar) Gurwitz, he lived in Pawtucket for the past 10 years. He previously lived in the Providence/Cranston area for 70 years.

Mr. Gurwitz was a member of the Wire Association International. He was a member of Temple Emanu-El, its Men's Club, and its Minyinaire Group. He was a former member of Temple Beth-El. He was a former vice president of the Henry Friedman B'nai B'rith Lodge. He served as the first president of the former Cranston Community Center, and was a leader in its transition to becomming Temple Beth Torah, now Temple Torat Yisrael.

Besides his wife he leaves a daughter, Deborah Katz of Cranston; three sisters, Minnie Gertz of Cranston, Evelyn Felder of Natick, Mass., Beatrice Horvitz of Newport, and two grandchildren. He was father of the late Joel F. Gurwitz.

The funeral service will be held today at 1 p.m. at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial will be in Blue Hills Cemetery, Braintree, Mass.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1991

GURWITZ,
Abraham Abel S.

Suddenly, on February 16, 1991. Beloved husband of Madeline (Marks) Levitt Gurwitz and the late Mildred (Waldman) Gurwitz and the late Sylvia (Woolf) Gurwitz. Residence, 27 Lafayette St., Pawtucket. Dear father of Deborah Gurwitz Katz, Cranston and the late Joel F. Gurwitz. Dear brother of Minnie Gertz, Cranston; Evelyn Felder, Natick, Mass.; and Beatrice Horvitz, Newport. Devoted grandfather of Matthew and Jonathan. Funeral Services 1 p.m. Monday at MOUNT SINAI MEMORIAL CHAPEL, 825 Hope at 4th Sts. Relatives and friends are invited. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Temple Emanu-El. Memorial Observance at his late residence: Monday 7-9; and Tuesday through Thursday 2-4, 7-9 p.m.

GURWITZ, ABRAHAM