HANZEL, PEARL

Pearl Hanzel, 100

PROVIDENCE, R.I. – Pearl (Garfinkel) Hanzel died on June 5. She was the wife of the late Albert "Arby" Hanzel. A daughter of the late Charles and Rose (Vinek) Garfinkel, she was a lifelong resident of Rhode Island.

Pearl worked for many years at Gladdings' Children's Store, Shepard's and The Outlet Company; however the most important thing to her was her family. Her best friend was her sister Beatrice ("Beattie"). She was fortunate to see her two oldest grandchildren get married, all of her grandchildren graduate college, and to meet – and sing to – her four great-grandchildren. Before she died, she looked forward each year to that first spring day when they took their folding chairs to Narragansett, sat by the sea wall at the Pier, and breathed in the fresh sea air. After her husband's death, she lived for several years at Epoch on the East Side. After her recent hospitalizations, moved into the Hattie Ida Chaffee Nursing Home, where she lived until her death.

She is survived by her daughters Harriet Cole (Alan) and Barbara Marks (Alan); her grandchildren Lisa, Rebecca, Harrison and Eleanor; her great-grandchildren Talia, Sophia, Max and Sam; and many nieces and nephews. She was the sister of the late David, Samuel, Louis, Joseph, William, Beatrice and Etta.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory may be made to the Hattie Ida Chaffee Nursing Home, Home and Hospice Care of R.I., the Jewish Family Services of R.I. or the charity of your choice.