Paul Leviten, 60; a co-founder of Big G store chain

DELAND, FLA. — Paul Leviten, 60, co-founder of the former Big G supermarket chain, died Wednesday after an illness. He was the husband of local artist Riva (Shamray) Leviten.



Born in Fall River, Mass., a son of the late Morris and Rebecca (Chervinsky) Leviten, he had lived in Providence most of his life before moving to Florida.

In 1938 he started the supermarket chain which grew to 29 stores in Rhode Island, Connecticut and Massachusetts. Mr. Leviten inrtoduced K Mart to the New England region when he signed an exclusive contract with the mass market retailer to build joint shopping centers.

An avid deep sea fisherman, he was a past president of the Atlantic Tuna Club of Galilee and winner of the Rhode Island Tuna Tournament in 1964.

Besides his wife he leaves two daughters, Priscilla Warner of New York City and Marcia Leviten of San Francisco, Calif.; a son, Peter Leviten of New York City; a brother, David Leviten of Deland; and a grandson.

The funeral service will be held Sunday at 3 p.m. in Hoffman Jewish Memorial Chapel, Fowler Avenue, Newport. Burial will be in Beth Olam Cemetry, Middletown.

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