South Kingstown

EVA L. MACKLOW, 100, of 981 Kingstown Rd., who maintained a long interest in activities for the elderly in South County, died Thursday in Scallop Shell Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, where she had lived for seven years.

She was the wife of the late Maurice Macklow. A daughter of the late Joseph and Sarah (Glatky) Marcus, Mrs. Macklow was known for her vitality and upbeat philosophy even after she was confined to a wheelchair.

Dressed in bright colors and with her white hair coiffed, she would roll through the corridors of the nursing home, dispensing homespun anecdotes and homilies, many of them in Yiddish and most of them brimming with optimism.

Being deep in swamp Yankee country, she was quick to offer translations — and Yiddish lessons.

Until recently, she helped edit the center's newsletter, the "Scallop Scoop," avidly prospecting for errors and delighting in each one she found.

Wearing a purple corsage, lacy sweater and a string of pearls, she blew out the candles on her birthday cake last August, when she turned 100.

Mrs. Macklow moved to South County from Milford, Mass., in 1979, becoming one of the original residents of the Beachwood complex for the elderly in Narragansett. She tended a tiny patio garden, kept a bird feeder outside her door, and continued to add to her trademark collection of miniature elephants.

She took an active role in the Beachwood Residents Association.

In Milford, where she lived most of her life, Mrs. Macklow, an office worker and later an employee of the Louis Fashion Shop, was for years active in the Jewish community, especially the B'nai B'rith-Hadassah Sisterhood. She was also active in the Quinshipaug Women's Club and the Camp Fire Girls.

She leaves a daughter, Marlene L. Clayton of North Kingstown; a son, Irwin B. Macklow of Milford; and five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. She was the sister of the late Louis Marcus, Blanche Eckstein, Jenny Zalk, Rose Freedman and Beatrice Marcus.

Graveside services will be held tomorrow at 11 a.m. in Kopiagorod Cemetery, Baker Street, West Roxbury, Mass.

MACKLOW, Eva