MACKTEZ, PHILIP J.

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MACKTEZ, PHILIP J., 89, of Providence died peacefully Sunday afternoon in Epoch on Blackstone Blvd. He survived Shirley (Strasmich), his wife of 65 years, by five days.



Born in Cleveland, Ohio, to Louis and Freida Macktez, he moved with his family to Rhode Island in 1924. He graduated from Woonsocket High School and attended Boston University, where he pledged Tau Delta Phi fraternity and played trumpet in a jazz group. After fifty years in Woonsocket, during which he was president of a family textile firm and related companies, he and his wife moved to Providence. A decade later, they moved to West Palm Beach, Florida, returning together to Providence this past March.

During the years that he acted as president of the Loumac Textile Corporation, Millville Realty, and Shirlaine Packaging, and then during his retirement, Mr. Macktez also held many leadership positions in Jewish nonprofit organizations. He served as president of both the Woonsocket B'nai B'rith Youth Organization and the men's chapter, and was recognized by the latter as Man of the Year in 1963. A member of the board of