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MANEKOFSKY Julius

Julius Manekofsky, R. I. native, killed when planes collide

LIVINGSTON, N.J. — Julius "Jerry" Manekofsky, 50, a lifelong resident of Cranston until he moved five years ago to Fort Lee, N.J., died Saturday when the light plane he was a passenger in collided with single engine Cessna over this community in north central New Jersey.

Mr. Manekofsky was listed by officials investigating the crash as Gerald Mann in initial reports of casualties.

Gerald Mann is the name he used for business purposes in New Jersey, according to Lewis Bosler, director of the Max Sugarman Chapel in Providence which is handling funeral arrangements.

Mr. Manekofsky was a passenger in a twin engine Aero Commander that apparently was struck by the Cessna's wing tip as the smaller plane tried to turn from the Aero Commander's path. Both planes crashed, a quarter-mile apart in a densely populated area.

The pilot of the Aero Commander, Alfred Wonesh, 48, of Red Bank, N.J., also died, as did the Cessna's pilot. The Cessna pilot was burned beyond recognition, and authorities today were trying to establish his identity through dental records.

Livingston Police Chief Albert Fachet and several residents who watched the planes crash said it was a miracle that no one on the ground was injured and there was little property damage in the affluent community.

The accident occurred about a mile from the home of Gov. Thomas H. Kean, who was informed by state police.

Vice Admiral (USN-Ret.) Arnold Engen, a member of the National Transportation Safety Board, was supervising the investigation of the collision.

He said today authorities were unaware that the "Gerald Mann" on their victim list had another name.

Mr. Manekofsky was a self-employed financial consultant for the last 20 years.

He was a member of the Touro Fraternal Association, a life member of Jenks Masonic Lodge of Pawtucket and was a 32nd degree Mason. He was a member of the Knights of Pythias and was a past worthy patron of Hope Link Order of the Golden Chain.

Born in Providence, a son of the late Charels S. Manekofsky and the late Florence (Bloomstein) Manekofsky, he lived in Cranston for 45 years until moving to Fort Lee five years ago.

Besides his father, he is survived by two sons, Ronald S. Manekofsky of Chicago, Ill., and Gary Manekofsky of Cranston; one daughter, Debra S. Manekofsky of Bookline, Mass.; two brothers, Marvin Mann of Hillside, N.J., and Alan Manekofsky of Amsterdam, the Netherlands; three sisters, Mildred Mann of Bayside, N.Y., June Manekofsky of Fort Lee, N.J. and Carol Mann of Pawtucket.

Graveside services will be held tomorrow at 2 p.m. at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.