MILLER, J. BENNETT

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J. BENNETT MILLER, 93, of One Commercial Way, owner and operator of the Miller Paint Co. in Providence for many years before retiring, died Sunday at home.



He was the husband of the late Estelle Miller. Born in Providence on March 7, 1911, the son of the late Charles and Leana (Riffkin) Miller, he had lived in Warwick for most of his life. He moved to Newport 10 years ago.

Mr. Miller had been a lifeguard for 25 years at Narragansett Town Beach, where at the age of 80, he rescued a fellow swimmer who had been caught in a rip tide.

He enjoyed swimming and photography, and had combined those interests in his award-winning lifeguard photos.

He leaves three granddaughters, Tamar Mesard and Alyssa and Deborah Bauman, and a great-granddaughter, Erica Mesard, all in North Carolina; and a nephew, West Warwick Fire Chief Charles Hall. He was the father of the late Constance Miller, and the brother of the late Helen Butters, Ruth Hall and Eunice Miller.

A graveside funeral service will be held today at 2 p.m. at Sinai Memorial Park, in Warwick.