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Louis Nass, 86; founded wholesale grocery business

PROVIDENCE — Louis Nass, 86, of 349 Wayland Ave., a former businessman, died yesterday at home. He was the husband of Irma (Goldberg) Nass.

Born in Niantic, Conn., a son of the late Julius and Miriam (Bernstein) Nass, he lived in Newport from 1919 to 1937.

Mr. Nass founded a wholesale grocery business in Newport in 1916, joined the Standard Wholesale Co. in 1933, and later, as its president, founded the liquor division of the company, and moved that division to Providence.

He also operated a wine bottling plant. He retired in 1978. He was a member and a former trustee of Temple Emanu-El, and a member of the Jewish Home for the Aged.

Besides his wife he leaves two sons, Jeffrey Pine of Providence, a special assistant to the state Attorney General, and Martin Nass of New York; a daughter, Carol Steinfeld of Monsey, N.Y.; a sister, Rose Litman of Pomona, N.Y., and two grandchildren.

A funeral service will be held Sunday at noon at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St. Burial will be in Sons of Israel and David Cemetery.

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