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May 6, 1996. Residence: 27 Church St., East Providence. Beloved husband of Annette (Wintman) Perlman. Devoted father of Marsha Covitz of Melrose Park, Pa.; and Bonnie Jaffe of Barrington. Dear brother of Gloria Jarcho of Providence. Loving grandfather of Ari, Akiba, Jessica, Brandon and Molly. Funeral services Thursday at 11 a.m. at the MAX SUGARMAN MEMORIAL CHAPEL, 458 Hope St. (corner of Doyle Ave.), Providence. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to your favorite charity. Shiva will be observed at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Marc Jaffe, 36 Mallard Cove Way, Barrington, Thursday 2-4 and 7-9 p.m.; Friday 2-4 p.m.; Saturday 7-9 p.m.; and Sunday 2-4 and 7-9 p.m.

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The Mitzvah Man

by Cindy Halpern

Today I attended the funeral of a very dear man. Long ago, I secretly nicknamed him as "the mitzvah man" because I had never known such a giving man before I met him, and I doubt that I will meet such a man again.

He was one in a million. He first became known to me as my mother described her "Meals on Wheels" partner. She told me how Murray took in people's mail and helped them sort out their lonely lives.

Then one day, Murray touched my life. I suddenly became violently ill at work and no one was available to drive me home... except Murray. I remember warning him as he drove me home, "I might vomit at any minute and ruin your car's upholstery." He simply smiled and answered, "I can always buy another car."

More recently, when my sister died of a massive stroke, Murray and his wife Annette were both there for my family to help us weather our storm, while he waged his own private battle against cancer.

He never complained about being ill while he continued to help others as he had always done.

For his funeral, people gathered from as far away as Vienna and as near as his own beloved synagogue to pay tribute to his memory. But it was his beloved 13-year-old grandson, Brandon, who best described who Murray Perelman was: He was always there to help and he always kept his promises.

Your community will both miss and remember you, Murray Perelman.

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