PHILLIPS, LAWRENCE

LAWRENCE I. PHILLIPS, 76, of 1 Butler Ave., an entrepreneur, died yesterday at home after an illness.

Born in Haverhill, Mass., a son of the late Joshua I. and Kathryn F. (Kosoff) Phillips, he had been a resident of Newton, Mass., most of his life before retiring to Palm Beach, Fla., and then moving to Providence in 2001.

A self-made man, he began as a salesman's assistant in Boston and went on to build his own multi-million-dollar company, Lawrence I. Phillips Inc., which sold sweatshirts, T-shirts, jackets and swimwear. Upon his retirement in 1991 he was recognized as "the man who sold a half-billion sweatshirts in America."

He was an Army veteran of the Korean War.

Mr. Phillips graduated from Haverhill High School and received a bachelor's degree in business administration from Syracuse University.

He was a member of Temple Emanu-El. He served on the board of directors of Camp Bauercrest in Amesbury, Mass.

An avid tennis and golf player, he was known to play 18 holes in the morning, followed by a round of tennis, and another 18 holes in the afternoon.

He leaves three sons, Bruce Phillips of Providence, Stephen Phillips of Advance, N.C., and David Phillips of Hollywood, Calif.; a brother, Herbert P. Phillips of Gloucester, Mass.; and six grandchildren.

The funeral will be held today at 1 p.m. in Temple Emanu-El, Morris Avenue at Sessions Streets. Burial will be in Sharon (Mass.) Memorial Park.

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December 5, 2004. Residence: 1 Butler Avenue, Providence. Dear father of Bruce and his wife Judy of Providence, Stephen and his wife Nancy of Advance, NC and David and his fiancee Jennifer of Hollywood, CA. Loving brother of Herbert P., Esq. and his wife Margery of Gloucester, MA. Devoted grandfather of Jamie, Abby and Dena Kaye-Phillips and Michelle, Suzanne and Jeffrey Phillips. Funeral Service 1 p.m. Monday in Temple Emanuel, Morris Avenue at Sessions Street, Providence. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Camp Bauercrest, c/o Peter Harris, 29 Hereford Road, Marblehead, MA 01945. Shiva to be observed at the home of Bruce and Judy Kaye-Phillips, 8 Upton Avenue, Providence, Monday 7-9, Tuesday - Thursday 2-4 and 7-9, Friday 1-3, Saturday 7-9 p.m. The family was assisted with the arrangements by SUGARMAN-SINAI MEMORIAL CHAPEL.