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OBITUARIES

Max Pollack

Former Providence auctioneer, office furniture company owner

HOLLYWOOD, Fla. — Max Pollack, 82, of Hollywood, founder of Max Pollack & Co., auctioneers and office furniture dealers in Providence, died Aug. 19 at the Hollywood Medical Center. He was the husband of Ida (Rubin) Pollack.

Born in the Soviet Union, a son of the late Louis and Bessie Pollack, he moved to the United States in 1910 and lived in Providence until 1976, when he moved to Florida.

Mr. Pollack got his start in business in 1954 when he opened a used clothing store in downtown Providence, selling clothes damaged in Hurricane Carol. He bought the clothes from other businesses, cleaned them and sold them at a discount. The store closed the following year.

He opened a used office furniture store on Charles Street, Providence, in the late 1950s. In the early 1960s, he expanded the store, moved to Eagle Street in Providence and also opened an auctioneering business.

Over the years, his business auctioned off items from the Narragansett Hotel in Providence, the Carlton Hotel in Narragansett and the former Fall River City Hall.

Pollack sold the business in 1976 to Bob Resnick of Warwick. Resnick kept the company's name.

"All the years that I've known him I've never known anyone to say anything bad about him," said Resnick. "He was just a good man."

Mr. Pollack was a life member of the Jewish Home for the Aged, the Providence Touro Fraternal Association and the National Auctioneers Association.

Besides his wife he leaves a son, Lewis Pollack of Bowie, Md.; a brother, Bernie Pollack, and a sister, Sara Levy, both of Delray Beach, Fla., and two grandchildren.

The funeral was held in Florida. ✓

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