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Funeral services for Benjamin Rakatansky, 73, of Miami Beach, Fla., a former Providence resident and building contractor, who died Sunday in Miami, were held on Monday at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery. He was the husband of Lena (Medcove) Rakatansky.

Born in Russia, a son of the late Edel and Fanny (Rouslin) Rakatansky, he had lived in Providence for 49 years before moving to Miami in 1953. He continued as a contractor in Miami until his retirement in 1960.

Mr. Rakatansky was a member of Temple Emanu-El, the Farband Labor Zionist Organization, the Chesed Shell Ames, South Providence Hebrew Free Loan Association and Hebrew Free Loan Association. He also belonged to the Jewish Home for the Aged and was a member of its housing committee for many years.

Prior to World War I, Mr. Rakatansky was founder of a group in South Providence which set up a program to rehabilitate newly-arrived immigrants and teach them English.

Besides his wife, he is survived by a son, Ira Rakatansky of Providence; three daughters, Mrs. Sam Primack of Cranston, Mrs. Sumner Halsband of East Greenwich and Mrs. Eleanor Rosen of Providence; two sisters, Mrs. Henry Helfand of Warwick and Mrs. Joseph Rapaport of Providence, and seven grandchildren.

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