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REFFKIN, BURTON H., 88, of 67 Church Hill Drive, died Saturday, 8/21/10, at the Philip Hulitar Inpatient Center, Providence. He was the beloved husband of the late Sarah "Sally" (Davis) Reffkin.



Born in Providence, a son of the late Joseph and Edith (Dubinsky) Reffkin, he had lived in Cranston for 53 years.

Burton was a partner in the former Alpine Ski Shop in East Greenwich for 30 years, previously owning the Gob Shop. He served in the 3rd and 4th Army Headquarters during WW-II. Burton was a former member of Temple Sinai and Temple Torat Yisrael. He played the trumpet in several bands for many charities, including the Strictly Sentimental Swing Band, and played Taps for veterans' funerals. Burton was a member of the Providence Federation of Musicians and Larry Brown's Swing Lane Band.

Devoted father of Stephen M. Reffkin of Cranston and Lesley A. Bower of London, England. Dear brother of Alan D. Reffkin of Silver Spring, MD. Loving grandfather of Laura and Jonathan. Cherished great grandfather of Hulya.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, 11:00 a.m. in SHALOM MEMORIAL CHAPEL, 1100 New London Avenue, Cranston. In Lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to Philip Hulitar Inpatient Center, Providence or to your favorite charity. Shiva will be observed at his late residence, Tues. 7-9, Wed. and Thurs. 2-4 & 7-9 p.m.