RICHMOND, NORMA (SCHWARTZ)

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NORMA (SCHWARTZ) RICHMOND, 85, of Germania Street, a handicrafter and former bookkeeper, died yesterday at Philip Hulitar Inpatient Center, Providence.



She was the wife of the late David Richmond. Born in Providence, a daughter of the late Julius and Sadie (Reganthal) Schwartz, she grew up in Providence and graduated in 1937 from Central High School, where she was elected to the National Honor Society.

After working for several years as a bookkeeper for her uncle, Louis Mayberg, she married and moved to Franklin, Mass., and lived there from 1941 to 1960, before moving to Pawtucket.

She was a member of Temple Beth-El, a life member of Hadassah, and had regularly attended the Leisure Club at Temple Emanu-el. She also was a member of the National Council of Jewish Women, the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, and the Women's Association of the former Jewish Home for the Aged.

An extraordinary handicrafter, Mrs. Richmond received a volunteer award from Hasbro Children's Hospital for the 3,000 pairs of booties she knit for newborns there.

Mrs. Richmond enjoyed playing mahjong, cooking and traveling to the Iberian Peninsula, Scandinavia and the British Isles.

She leaves two sons, Kenneth and Gerald Richmond, both of South Kingstown; a daughter, Linda Blakney of Pawtucket; two sisters, Beverly Rosen of Providence and Beatrice Levin of Houston; a brother, Abner Swartz of Cherry Hill, N.J., and Long Boat Key, Fla.; and six grandchildren.

A funeral service will be held tomorrow at 10 a.m. in Sugarman-Sinai Memorial Chapel, 485 Hope St., Providence. Burial will be in Sharon (Mass.) Memorial Park.