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PAWTUCKET — Leo Schwartz, 82, a resident of the Oak Hill Nursing Center, Pleasant Street, died yesterday at the Center. He was a husband of Martha (Ukrienicz) Schwartz.

Born in Russia, a son of the late Abraham and Rose Schwartz, he had been a resident of Pawtucket for 35 years moving to Providence for 15 years and returning to Pawtucket in 1986.

He was the founder of the former Columbia Furniture Co. in Pawtucket in 1937, retiring in 1971.

He was a member of the Congregation of Ohwe Sholom of Pawtucket and a member of the Pawtucket Hebrew Free Loan Assn.

Besides his wife he leaves four sons, Charles Schwartz of Providence, Martin Schwartz of Pawtucket, Abraham Schwartz of Cranston, David Schwartz of Roslyn, N.Y.; two daughters, Molly Taxer and Vickie Dovnar both of Sharon, Mass.; a sister, Celia Gilden of Pawtucket; eight grandchildren and a great-grandson.

His funeral will be held Sunday at noon at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial will be in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

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