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They were the best of friends for over 27 years. Steven Shatz and Jay Weiser were born a day apart. Steven was the older of the two. Franklin and Elaine Shatz gave birth to Steven on July 7, 1964 and then Mr. and Mrs. Weiser had Jay. The joyous occasion brought the two families together for what they thought would be forever.

As the years went by, the two families experienced good times and bad, and between the two boys, a special brotherhood bond took hold. It would be Steven and Jay all the way. They had had their 20th and 25th anniversary of friendship and as far as they were concerned, there would be lots more — maybe even a 75th anniversary. They did everything together: Camp Jori, Camp Ramah, Hebrew school, Hebrew high school, USY, their first drive, their first date...

During the last four years Steve was a major account sales representative for A-Copy Products in East Providence and Jay was living in Atlanta Georgia, working on his master's in business at Emory University. Last weekend, after being apart for a considerable period of time, Jay was finally going home for a vacation and job interviews.

"Steve and I were finally going to have some time together — just the two of us; like old times. He was looking forward to it and so was I, but then...

It was two days later, on Tuesday morning, when a fatal car accident took the life of Steven, 27, of Warwick, Rhode Island, a man who many adored, admired and most of all, loved. (See Obituary, Page 22).

Last Thursday over 600 people came to Temple Am David to pay their respects to Steven, whose life touched so many in such a short period of time. He was a man who always gave, was always optimistic, and always had time to live life to the fullest, enjoying every moment.

He ran the triathalon in Sharon, Massachusetts, in 1989, enjoyed taking karate lessons, was the USY advisor for Temple Am David from 1989-1991, and spearheaded a bone marrow drive for Allison Katz, whom he never knew.

At the funeral service, Cantor Steven Dress, former Hazzan of Temple Am David, mentioned during his eulogy that whenever he would call on Steve to make a 6:30 am minyan, he would always say yes. After services, Steve always thanked the cantor for asking him to come.



**Steven Shatz**

According to life-long friends Jay and Pam Weiser, who spoke at their friends service, the most important things to Steven were Judaism, his temple, helping other people and his family.

"Twenty-seven years, 7 months and 24 days seems like a long time, but for us it was only the beginning...or it was suppose to be," said Jay Weiser, who was invited to talk about his closest friend last Thursday.

At the funeral, Jay Weiser's younger brother, David, recalled the time when Steven was attending school in Japan.

"He was a person you could count on when the going got tough, even though he was over a thousand miles away in Japan. He was there for his sister [Laurie] when she was having boyfriend trouble. They talked for an hour because he would not hang up until she felt better. Needless to say, she felt better, and he was a little poorer."