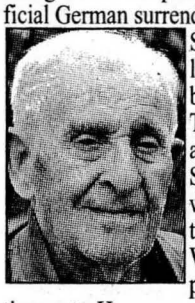
2-2-13

SHOCKET, JAMES

SHOCKET, JAMES, 98 years of age, from Cranston, Rhode Island, and a WW2 veteran, passed away on Feb 2, 2013. He participated in the Normandy Beach invasion, and was among the first American Soldiers to help liberate Dachau Concentration Camp. He was also one of the last living witnesses present at the official German surrender in France.



Shocket was a lifetime member of Temple Torat Yisrael and the Shriners, and worked for the Hiram Walker Company until retirement. He was a member of the Jewish War Veterans, Sackin-Shocket Post. In 2008, he was honored for his military service and bravery with numerous medals presented by Rhode Island State Senator Jack Reed.

He is pre-deceased by his mother Rose, father Harry, and brother Saul. He leaves behind his wife of 72 years, Sylvia, children Saul and wife Alice, Robin Kulik, and Suanne Shocket and husband Noah Nason. Also, sisters Grace Boynick and Lillian Zarum, grandchildren Ari and wife Susan, Brandon and wife Kathy, Josh and wife Diane, Shayna and husband Justin, and Mark and John. Great grandchildren Maya, Sophie, Zack, and Jonah.

James was a family man, raised during the great depression. He was hard working, and true to his word. A storyteller, an old-school tough guy with a heart of gold. His humor was well-known throughout the community. He loved his family, and they loved him in return. He will be greatly missed.

Funeral services will be held Monday, Feb. 3, at 1 p.m. in SHALOM MEMORIAL CHAPEL, 1100 New London Ave., Cranston. In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to Kosher Meal Site, c/o Jewish Family Service, 959 North Main St., Providence, RI 02904. Shiva will be observed at the Epoch on Blackstone, 353 Blackstone Blvd., Providence, Monday, 3-5 p.m.