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MORRIS B. SHOLES

Funeral services for Morris B. Sholes, 92, of 249 Merrymount Drive, Warwick, who died Monday after an illness of six months, were held the following day at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery.

He was the husband of Nellie (Levingston) Sholes.

During his lifetime he was a residential land developer, owner of a confectionery business and operator of several roller skating rinks.

Mr. Sholes was born in Pilton, Latvia, on April 15, 1872, a son of the late Joseph and Yetta (Bloom) Sholovitz. He had lived in Warwick since 1938.

Mr. Sholes started his business career as a plat developer in Attleboro where he lived from 1899 to 1915. He was a past president of the Congregation Agudath Achim there and last survivor of the group that founded it in 1911.

Mr. Sholes moved to Pawtucket in 1915 where he founded the National Confectionery Company which he operated 10 years. There he was a charter member of the Congregation Ohawe Sholam, and he served as vice president and treasurer.

In 1926 Mr. Sholes began operating roller skating rinks and helped pioneer the development of this amusement business in Rhode Island. At various times he owned rinks in Central Falls, at Oakland Beach, Rocky Point and Hillsgrove in Warwick, and in Salisbury Beach and Dorchester, Mass. He also operated the Hillsgrove Country Club for many years.

Last year Mr. Sholes donated a stained glass window to the Providence Hebrew Day School in honor of his 64th wedding anniversary on Dec. 15.

He was a former director of Temple Beth Am of Warwick and a member of the South Providence Hebrew Free Loan Association, the Jewish Home for the Aged, the Zionist Organization of America, Temple Beth Israel of Providence and Temple Chesed Shel Emes of Miami Beach, Fla., where he maintained a winter home since 1948.

Surviving besides his wife are five daughters, Mrs. Louis Lipson, Mrs. Esther Harris and Mrs. Evelyn Zucker of Warwick, Mrs. Archie Aron of West Haven, Conn. and Mrs. Abraham Guthart of West Hartford, Conn.; two sons, Sampson of Miami Beach and Leonard J. Sholes of Cranston; two brothers, Abraham Sholovitz of Providence and Hyman Sholovitz of Woonsocket; three sisters, Mrs. Marcia Wolf and Mrs. Minnie Wolf of New Bedford and Mrs. Samuel Horenstein of Waltham, Mass., 13 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.