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RUTH TENENBAUM

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SILVERMAN, RUTH TENENBAUM, 90, a resident at Brentwood Nursing Home in Warwick for the past five years and a former social worker, died Tuesday, May 16, at Kent Hospital in Warwick after a short illness. (TENENBAUM)

She was the wife of the late Howard D. Silverman, with whom she lived in East Greenwich and Warwick for nearly 60 years. She was born in Providence on November 17, 1915 and was the daughter of Sophia and Samuel Tenenbaum.

She was a graduate of Classical High School in Providence, a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Pembroke College (class of 1936), and received a Masters of Social Work from Smith College in 1938.

She is survived by her sons Stephen of Washington, D.C. and Fred of San Francisco, and two grandchildren, Leah and Nathan Silverman.

For eight years she was the intake supervisor and a social worker at Sophia Little Home in Cranston, where she specialized in adoptions. She later was a social worker at Jewish Family Service, where she continued her work with adoptions and became a clinical social worker specializing in issues of aging. As Director of Serivces for the Elderly at Jewish Family Service, she worked closely with many Rhode Island families to help the elderly through life transitions, compiled the first directory of resources for those needing help, led discussion groups for elderly clients, and assisted families with issues such as retirement and caregiving. She was described by a colleague as "a maven on the elderly." She retired from Jewish Family Service in 1986.

The funeral will take place Wednesday, May 17, at 1:30 at Priest Memorial Chapel at Lincoln Park Cemetery, 1469 Post Road, Warwick. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be sent to Jewish Family Service, 229 Waterman Street, Providence, RI 02906.