SILVERSTEIN, CHARLOTTE

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Charlotte Silverstein

OAHU, Hawaii — Charlotte Silverstein, daughter of the late Samuel and Lucy Cohen of Pawtucket, and sister of Frances Komros, died at her home in Oahu, Hawaii, on June 17.

She graduated from Pawtucket West High School in 1945, and the University of Rhode Island. She received certification for teaching handicapped children from the Perry Normal School. Following a teaching career in New England, she moved to Florida where she was self-taught in marine biology and conducted tours in various aquariums in Florida.

She traveled extensively with her companion, the late Albert Azersky, eventually settling permanently in Hawaii. She did volunteer work at the Honolulu Zoo in Oahu, raising and training the Orangutan, "Rusti," one of the most popular attractions at the zoo. She retired from the zoo in 2004, and spent her final work years as a volunteer with the Hawaiian State Art Museum.

She leaves two children, Jay Silverstein of Dartmouth, Mass., and Robin Silverstein of Indianapolis; and a brother, Marshall H. Cohen, of Washington, D.C.

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She is survived by 2 children, Jay and Robin Silverstein and a brother, Marshall H. Cohen of DC.