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CRANSTON — Harry J. Sklut, 85, of 855 Reservoir Ave. died yesterday at home. He was the husband of Mollie (Fried) Sklut.

Born in Providence, he was a son of the late William R. and Pearl (Benamovitz) Sklut. He lived in Cranston for 28 years.

Mr. Sklut owned the first drugstore in Olneyville, the Olneyville Square Pharmacy, from 1929, and also owned the Bruce Pharmacies in Providence and Cranston for 45 years before retiring in 1974.

He was a 1928 graduate of the former Rhode Island College of Pharmacy & Allied Sciences. He was a member of the Rhode Island Pharmaceutical Association.

Mr. Sklut's family was one of the first Jewish settlers in Cranston. He was a member of the former Temple Beth David, now Temple Am David, and its Men's Club, the Jewish Home for the Aged, the Providence Hebrew Day School and the Weisenthal Center. He was a life member of the Roosevelt Lodge, AF & AM, and the Providence Hebrew Free Loan Association.

Besides his wife, he leaves two daughters, Beverly Reuter of Plattsburgh, N.Y., and Sharon Rice of Cranston; two sisters, Stella Sklut and Zelda Hittner, both of Cranston; four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. He was grandfather of the late David P. Reuter.

The funeral service was to be held today at 11 a.m. at Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial will be in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. ✓

SKLUT, Harry J.

November 1, 1992. Residence 855 Reservoir Ave., Cranston. Beloved Husband of Mollie (Fried) Sklut. Devoted father of Beverly and Gerald Reuter of Plattsburg NY and Sharon and Ira Rice of Cranston. Dear brother of Stella Sklut and Zelda Hittner both of Cranston. Loving grandfather of Merrill, Rhonda, Amy, Pamela, and the late David. Cherished Great grandfather of six Great Grandchildren. Funeral services Monday 11 am at the MAX SUGARMAN MEMORIAL CHAPEL ,458 Hope St. (Corner of Doyle Ave). In lieu of flowers contributions in his memory may be made to the Jewish Home for the Aged or the David P. Reuter Free Helmet Fund Care of National Head Injury Foundation, 1140 Connecticut Ave., N.W. suite 812, Washington D.C., 20036. Shiva will be observed at his late residence Monday-Thursday 2-4, and 7-9 pm.