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SONNENSCHEIN, LISA

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SONNENSCHEIN, LISA L., 90, of Providence, died peacefully Monday, May 25, 2009, with her loved ones by her side. She was the beloved wife of the late Henry Sonnenschein. She was a daughter of the late Hlafo and Malka (Rubin) Labi.



Born in Bengasi, Libya in an Italian Colony, she was fluent in four languages: Italian, Arabic, German, and English. She and her late husband Henry were Holocaust survivors who met in a displaced persons' camp in Italy and lived there for many years following World War II. They immigrated to the United States with their three children and resided on the East Side of Providence. Mrs. Sonnenschein was a seamstress by trade and owned/operated her own business for many years on Braman Street. In her late seventies, she became a volunteer and then Activity Aide/house seamstress at Summit Pavilion on North Main Street, Providence, until her retirement at age 85. Additionally, she was a volunteer sewing instructor at Hamilton House for many years. She enjoyed caring for children and the elderly, arts and crafts, sewing and socializing.

She was the devoted mother of Teo Sonnenschein of Colorado, Bruno Sonnenschein of West Greenwich, and Lillian Sonnenschein, RN, of South Kingstown. She was the loving grandmother of Brian and Lee Mastrobuono, and Samuel Evers Sonnenschein, and mother-in-law of Brenda Evers Sonnenschein. She also was the loving surrogate grandmother to many children who lived on Braman Street and beyond. She had eight siblings that settled in Israel following World War II and she leaves many nieces and nephews there.

Her funeral service will be held Thursday, May 28, 2009 at 10 AM in the SUGARMAN-SINAI MEMORIAL CHAPEL, 458 Hope St., Providence with a burial in Swan Point Cemetery, Providence. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Memory of Lisa Sonnenschein, payable to 'URI Foundation G 715', College of Nursing, 2 Heathman Road, Kingston, Rhode Island 02881. Shiva will be observed following the burial, location to beannounced.