TILLES, NORMAN

PROVIDENCE

TILLES, NORMAN DONALD, 84, of Center Place, 50 Park Row West #316, Providence, president of Tarlov-Tilles Group Insurance Agency, died Tuesday night at home surrounded by his family. He was loving husband to Florence (Trinkel) Tilles.



Born in Baltimore, April 9, 1921 the son of Ellis and Lillian (Morganstein) Tilles, Norman graduated from the University of Maryland in 1941 with a Bachelor of Science and attended University of MD Law School for one year when he left to serve in WWII as a 1st LT in the 8th Air Force. In his later years he continued his passion for learning at the Brown University Learning Community.

Norman Tilles has had a long history of service to both Jewish and civic communal affairs. Norman may be most well known as a founder, Treasurer and Vice President of Trinity Repertory Theatre. He has presided as president over many humanitarian organizations; among them are the Hebrew Immigration Aid Society (HIAS), Jewish Federation of R.I., Arts Rhode Island, and the Temple Beth-El Brotherhood. He has acted as chairman of the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts and the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee. Norman served on many committees and Boards of Directors, including the Rhode Island Select Committee on Race and Police Community Relations and the Rhode Island State Advisory Committee to the U.S. Civil Rights Commission. He also served as the National Commander of the Jewish War Veterans.

Besides his wife of 60 years, he is survived by his three children, Barry Tilles of Norwell, MA, Donna Tilles Stahl of West Roxbury, MA, and Sandra Tilles of Whitethorn, CA; his two grandchildren, two great grandchildren and his sister