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GEORGE

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BOTVIN, GEORGE, 77, of S. Ocean Blvd., Palm Beach, FL and Newport, an entrepreneur and Chairman of the Board of ACS Industries of Woonsocket, died March 2, 2005 at JFK Hospital in Palm Beach, FL. He was the husband of Patricia (Giroux) Botvin.



Born in Providence, a son of the late Peter and Clara (Peck) Botvin, he was a resident of Rhode Island for most of his life until moving to Florida. Mr. Bot-

vin served in the US Coast Guard, returning to graduate from Hope High School in 1946.

Mr. Botvin worked at his father's company, American Copper Sponge, for many years before taking over the business from his father in the 1950's. He built ACS Industries into a multi-faceted organization with over 2000 employees and factories in Rhode Island, Texas, Mexico and China. He was a member of Temple Shalom in Middletown and a contributor to many religious and charitable organizations.

He is survived by two daughters, Carole Bender of Pawtucket and Gail Reiter of Kingston; a son, Peter Botvin of San Diego, CA; a stepson, Jeffrey Goldstein of Warwick; a step-daughter, Erica Kaitz of Newton, MA; two sisters, Elaine Buckler of Warwick and Ina Rosenthal of New York City; a brother, Gilbert Botvin of Palm City, FL; 10 grandchildren and two great grandchildren. He was the father of the late Joan Botvin.

The funeral will be held on Friday, March 4, 2005 at 11:00 a.m. at SUGARMAN-SINAI MEMORIAL CHAPEL, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial will be in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Home and Hospice Care of RI, 169 George St., Pawtucket, RI 02860 or the American Cancer Society, 222 Richmond St., Providence, RI 02903. Shiva to be observed at his late residence in Newport, Saturday 7-9 and Sunday 2-4 & 7-9 p.m.