

Irving I. Coken

WARWICK — Irving I. Coken, 83, of 3180 South Ocean Drive, Hallandale, Fla., founder, president and operator of the Coken Co., electrical contractors, for 45 years before retiring seven years ago, died Friday at the Kent Nursing Home. He was the husband of Sylvia (Barash) Coken.

Born in Russia, a son of the late Leon and Bertha (Potter) Coken, he lived in Cranston for more than 30 years before moving to Florida five years ago. He came to this country in 1912 and obtained citizenship in 1946.

Mr. Coken was a member of Temple Sinai, Cranston, and an officer of Temple Beth Israel, Providence. He was a member of Redwood Lodge 35, AF and AM, the Palestine Temple of Shriners, the Metacomet Country Club, the Aurora Club, and was a former officer of the Ledgemont Country Club.

He was a past president of the Rhode Island-Southeastern Chapter of the National Electrical Contractors Association. He was a past board member of the Jewish Home for the Aged and Miriam Hospital. He was a member of the Touro Fraternal Association. He was a professional engineer and held four licenses in electrical contracting.

Besides his wife he leaves two sons, Gerald M. and Myron L. Coken, both of Cranston; five grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

A funeral service will be held tomorrow at 11 a.m. at Temple Sinai, Hagen Avenue. Burial will be in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

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