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Funeral is tomorrow for Gita Eides, 14, Rte. 95 crash victim

PROVIDENCE — A funeral service will be held tomorrow for Gita L. Eides, 14, of 145 Ninth St., who died last night at Rhode Island Hospital as a result of injuries she received in an automobile accident on Route 95 in South Attleboro, Mass.

Several other people, including her mother, were injured when the car they were traveling in went down an embankment, overturned and struck a tree.

State police at the Foxboro, Mass., barracks said Miss Eides was pronounced dead at Rhode Island Hospital at 9:25 p.m., several hours after being transferred from Sturdy Memorial Hospital, Attleboro.

Police said she was a passenger in the rear seat of a car driven by her father, Alexander Eides, 48, of the same address. He was not injured, police said.

Mira Eides, 41, the victim's mother who was riding in the front seat, was taken to Sturdy Memorial and transferred to Rhode Island Hospital, where she was listed in satisfactory condition this morning.

Also injured were Faina Kustanovich, 48, of 141 Hillside Ave., Providence, and her son, Vladimir Kustanovich, 14, of the same address. Both were taken to Sturdy Memorial.

Vladimir was treated for cuts and released. His mother was admitted. She was listed in good condition this morning.

State police said Eides reported that he became tired while driving south on Route 95 at 5:40 p.m. and pulled over to the breakdown lane. Police said the car skidded on slush, then went down an embankment and overturned before striking a tree.

Born in Rome, Italy, Miss Eides had lived in Providence since coming to this country as an infant.

She was a freshman at Classical High School and was on the honor roll. Miss Eides was a graduate of Providence Hebrew Day School and was a member of Tempel Emanu-El.

Besides her parents, she leaves a brother, Michael Eides, at home; a maternal grandmother, Ita Friedman of Providence; and a paternal grandmother, Musa Eides of Providence.

The funeral service tomorrow will be at noon at Temple Emanu-El, Morris Avenue at Sessions Street. Burial will be in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

EIDES, GITA

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Soviet immigrant community reeling from girl's death

Teenager who died in auto accident eulogized at funeral

By JUDY RAKOWSKY
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PROVIDENCE — Gita Eides never knew the hardship of her Soviet origins.

Her mother, Mira, was pregnant when the family left the country in February 1973, and Gita was born in Rome. The family arrived in Rhode Island six months later, part of the first wave of Soviet Jewish immigrants to settle here.

In many eyes, the Eideses have been a model of adjustment to their new country, not least so Gita

marking her commitment to her faith.

The struggle to adapt

The Eideses weren't alone in leaving the Soviet Union. Mira's brother, Sol Friedman, left with his family. Mira's parents, Ita and the late Zoroch Friedman, left, as did Alexander's mother, Musa Eides. All settled in Providence.

Mira's first job was at night, cleaning offices downtown. Alexander toiled by day at Carol Cable Co.

Now Mira has a master's degree in history from Brown University, where she works as an archivist. Her husband is a partner in a scrap metal business. They bought a house at 145 9th St

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Gita Eides remembered

Thank you and reporter Judy Rakowsky for giving deserved attention to Gita Eides, who died so tragically (Dec. 23). Newspapers devote their pages too extensively to evil-doers and ne'er-do-wells. It is essential to recognize those who in their everyday lives are an inspiration of goodness, honesty and caring.

Writing about the tragedy of Gita's death can do nothing to change the absoluteness of her loss, or the anguish of her family and friends. But it can and does say to readers that the loss of this wonderful young woman is a loss for us all.

Gita touched many people in her short life, and will be lovingly remembered. While the headline said "Soviet immigrant community reeling from girl's death," a more accurate statement is that all in the community who know the Eides family are reeling and grieving with them.

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