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Arthur S.

Arthur S. Galkin, NATCO founder built junk business into major firm

PALM BEACH, Fla. — Arthur S. Galkin, 98, chairman of the board of NATCO Products Corp. in West Warwick, died Tuesday at Palm Beach Regional Hospital in Lake Worth. He was the husband of Sylvia (Burrows) Rossman-Galkin and the late Shirley (Mann) Galkin.



Born in Providence, a son of the late Samuel and Paulina (Schendel) Galkin, he moved to Palm Beach in 1979.

Mr. Galkin was the founder and president of the National Waste Paper Co., City Coal Co., NATCO Products Corp., Norwood Development Corp., Arctic Realty, Valley Industries and Valley Hydro, NPC South and Newco.

He was honored in 1990 as one of the "entrepreneurs of the year." Last year NATCO, which recycles vinyl floor covering and carpeting and has annual sales of more than \$30 million, was recognized as the sixth fastest growing company in Rhode Island.

Mr. Galkin was a member of the former Temple Beth Israel of Provi-

dence and Temple Beth-El. He was a member of the Pawtuxet Valley Rotary and the Roosevelt Masonic Lodge.

Mr. Galkin went to work at the age of 13, as a sales clerk in a Providence shoe store. He met a man who was buying old shoes and reselling them at a profit.

"He said, 'What I'm paying you \$10 for, I'll get \$25 for,'" Galkin once recalled to a reporter. It was at that moment that Galkin decided to start his own business. He bought a pushcart and started a waste paper business on South Water Street in Providence.

"Making cash from trash," he would call his trade.

Besides his wife he leaves two sons, Robert T. Galkin of Cranston and Warren B. Galkin of Warwick; two daughters, Anne B. Krause of Providence and Ruth Steiner of Oceanside, Calif.; a sister, Caroline Mamis of Warwick; two brothers, Theodore and Joseph Galkin, both of Cranston; three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

The funeral service will be Sunday at 1 p.m. at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St., Providence. Burial will be at Sharon Memorial Park, Sharon, Mass.

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January 28, 1992. Beloved husband of Sylvia (Burrows) Rossman-Galkin and the late Shirley (Mann) Galkin. Resi-

dence 2170 Ibis Way, Ibis Isle, Palm Beach, FL. Dear father of Robert T. and Wini B. Galkin, Cranston, Warren B. and Joyce Galkin, Warwick, Anne Krause, Providence and Ruth Steiner, Oceanside, CA. Dear Brother of Caroline Mamis, Warwick and Theodore and Joseph Galkin, Cranston. Devoted grandfather of Ellen Kenner, Jane Litner, Debra Krim, Cathy Gennert-King and Michael Gennert. Devoted great grandfather of Naomi, Ryan, Lisa, Stacey, David and Stephanie. Funeral Services 1 p.m. Sunday at MOUNT SINAI MEMORIAL CHAPEL, 825 Hope at 4th Sts. Relatives and friends are invited. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the Arthur S. Galkin Memorial Fund, c/o Boys & Girls Clubs of Warwick, 42 Frederick St., Warwick 02888. Memorial observance to be private.