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Ira S. Galkin dies at age 93; founded American Insulated Wire

CRANSTON — Ira S. Galkin, 93, of 425 Meshanticut Valley Parkway died Friday at Miriam Hospital. He was the husband of Anna (Kenner) Galkin.



Born in Providence, a son of the late Samuel and Paulina (Shendel) Galkin, he lived in Cranston for eight years.

Mr. Galkin was chairman of the board of the American Insulated Wire Corp., Pawtucket, which he founded June 15, 1924.

His philanthropic interests were Brown University, Miriam Hospital, the Jewish Home for the Aged, Women and Infants Hospital, the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, Camp Yawgoog and the Boy Scouts of America, Catholic Charities, Roger Williams General Hospital, the Rhode Island Foundation and the First Baptist Church of Providence, which recently published a book on the history of the church presenting Mr. Galkin with an acknowledgement of his philanthropic interest.

He was a vice president and honorary vice president of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island for seven years. He was president of Temple Beth Israel, Providence, and a member of the board at Temple Torat Yisrael. He was a member of Roosevelt Lodge 42 AF & AM, and was a Shriner.

The New England Wire and Cable Club presented him its distinguished Career Award in March, 1985.

Besides his wife he leaves three sons, Arnold Galkin of Providence, Herbert Galkin of Cranston and Irwin Galkin of Newton, Mass.; three brothers, Joseph Galkin of Cranston, Theodore Galkin of Warwick and Arthur Galkin of Palm Beach, Fla.; a sister, Caroline Mamis of Warwick; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be held tomorrow at noon at Temple Torat Yisrael, Park Avenue. Burial will be in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

GALKIN, IRA S.