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BERTRAM GERSTEN

Funeral services for Bertram Gersten, 38, of Northampton, Mass., formerly of Providence, who was found dead Dec. 7 at an agricultural experimental station at the University of Massachusetts, were held the following day at the B'nai Israel Synagogue, Northampton. Burial was at Lincoln Park Cemetery. He was the husband of Frances (Brotman) Gersten.

Born in Providence, Aug. 20, 1928, son of the late Hymen and Mollie (Barber) Gersten, he attended Providence public schools. He was graduated from Hope High School in 1946, and from the University of Rhode Island in 1952, with a major in agricultural chemistry. He received his master's degree in food technology at the University of Massachusetts (and recently presented a research paper in Washington, D. C., on this subject). He was a U. S. Army veteran of the Korean war.

Mr. Gersten had been assistant professor of chemistry at the University of Massachusetts since 1952. He was a member of the board of directors and membership chairman at Congregation B'nai Israel, Northampton, and was group leader of the USY. He was awarded the Solomon Shechter National Award for outstanding achievement in youth leadership. He also coached Little League baseball and basketball at the YMCA.

Survivors are his wife; two sons, Gary and Carl; one daughter, Lori, all at home; one brother. Seymour Gerston of Westerly; two sisters, Mrs. Madeline Cohen of Providence and Mrs. Beverly Simmons of Cranston, and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial fund has been started in memory of his outstanding youth-program work, and an annual award will be made to the outstanding youth of the Jewish community of Northampton. Contributions may be sent to: Bertram Gersten Memorial Fund, c/o Congregation B'nai Israel, Prospect Street, Northampton, Mass.