GERSTEIN, DR SEYMOUR

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EAST GREENWICH

GERSTEN, DR. SEYMOUR I., 83, of 7 Brandywine Lane, Narragansett, died Saturday, March 7, in East Greenwich at his daughter's home. He was the beloved husband of the late Evelyn (Zakoff) Gersten

Born in Providence, a son of the late Hyman and Molly (Barber) Gerstenblatt, he had lived in Narragansett for the past 11 years before staying at his daughter and son-in-law's home, where he lived for the past year due to illness. He previously resided in Westerly. He attended Wesleyan College, Brown and Yale while in flight school. He served in the US Navy as a pilot right after WW-II. He was a graduate of the Massachusetts College of Optometry. Dr. Gersten had his optometry practice in Westerly for 25 years before his retirement several years ago. He was a past member of the RI Board of Optometry and Vice President of the RI Optometric Association. He was also a member of the Lions Club. Dr. Gersten was an avid golfer and was a former member of Winnapaug Golf Course. Devoted father of Mindy Isaacs and her husband Michael of East Greenwich and Jill Kennedy of Cranston. Dear brother of Madeline Cohen of Warwick and the late Beverly Simmons and Bertram Gersten. Loving grandfather of Keri and Tom Drake, Kim Peevler and Tara Sousa. Funeral services will be held Monday at 1:00 p.m. in SHALOM MEMORIAL CHAPEL, 1100 New London Ave., Cranston. In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to the American Heart Association. Shiva (Memorial Observance) will be held at the home of Michael and Mindy Isaacs, 46 Bunker Hill Lane, East Greenwich, Monday 6-9 p.m.