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GILSTEIN, ALAN MICHAEL 64, of Providence passed away at The Miriam Hospital on April 1 after a courageous battle with kidney cancer. He was the loving husband of Suzanne (Bograd) Gilstein for 43 years.



Alan was a graduate of Byant University and was a founding partner of Piccerelli, Gilstein & Company, LLP, one of Rhode Islands leading accounting firms. He was a tireless community advocate, guided by his personal mission to make our community a better place..

Alan was a member of The Miriam Hospital Board of Trustees since 1978 where he made a profound impact by giving so generously of his intellect, time and resources. He served as the Chair of The Miriam Hospital Board of Trustees and was the current chair of its Foundation. In 2007 he was given one of the hospitals highest honors by being named The Miriam Person of the Year. He advanced the hospital in countless ways by serving on most of its committees and playing a key role in its current capital campaign. He was a founding member of the Lifespan Board of Directors and co-chaired Lifespans Cardiac Campaign.

Besides his deep passion for The Miriam Hospital, Alan proudly served as Vice Chair and Treasurer of the RI Airport Corporation while they were building the current terminal. He took great pride that the project came in under budget and on time. He had the honor of being named a RI Commodore and was a member of the Providence Mutual Fire Board of Directors. He also served as the Treasurer of the Newport International Film Festival and was involved with Trinity Square Repertory Theatre and Planned Parenthood of RI. He was a past trustee of Temple Beth El. He was also a member of the University Club and Ledgemont Country Club.

Alan was a leader in the accounting profession. He was named one of the best tax practitioners in RI by Money Magazine. He was a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the RI Society of Certified Public Accountants and the Rhode Island Estate Planning Council. Alan was responsible for putting the smiley face (this is the amount you overpaid) and frown faces (this is the amount you owe) on the RI Individual Tax Return form, making RI the only state with this designation.

In addition to his wife he is survived by his parents, Benjamin and Lillian (Krakowsky) of Warwick and his beloved children, Adam of Warwick; Debbi and her husband Jordan Jaffe of Providence. He was the adoring grandfather of Jacob Bernard Jaffe. He also leaves two brothers, Barry and his wife Roberta and Andrew and his wife Sharon all of Warwick and two sister-in-laws, Marilyn Bell of Vestal, NY and Joyce Bograd of Boulder, CO. He is also survived by six nieces and three nephews.

His funeral will be held on Friday, April 4 at 11:00 a.m. at Temple Beth El, 70 Orchard Avenue in Providence. Burial will be at Lincoln Park Cemetery. Shiva will be at his late residence, 25 Old Tannery Road, Providence on Saturday from 7-9; Sunday and Monday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that contributions be sent to The Alan and Suzanne Gilstein Nursing Symposium Fund, The Miriam Hospital Foundation, Box H, Providence, RI 02901.

Funeral arrangements by Shalom Memorial Chapel.

Alan Gilstein's credo: Do the right thing

Long-time community advocate left the world a better place

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ALAN GILSTEIN, a tireless community advocate who served as both chair of The Miriam Hospital Board of Trustees and The Miriam Hospital Foundation, died April 1, 2008, after a 19-month struggle with cancer.

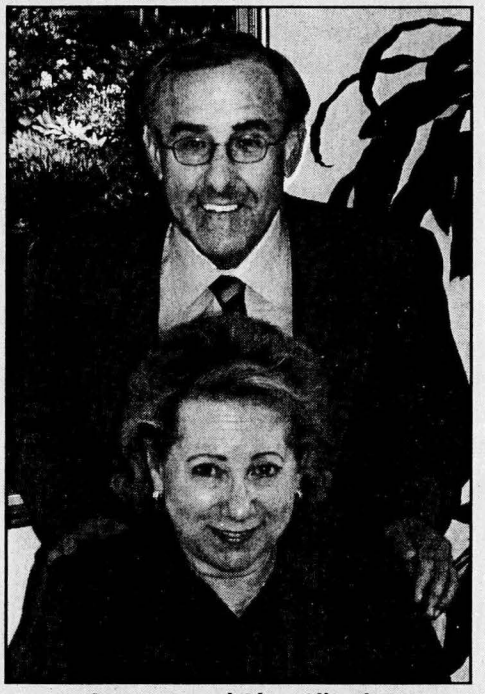
"My father really cared about the community," his daugher, Debbi Gilstein Jaffe, said. "He left the world a better place than he found it. He was incredibly giving of his time and resources – with our family, with the community, and with anyone he came in contact with."

His wife, Suzanne Gilstein, said that "Alan lived by the credo: do the right thing. We were married for 43 years; we were pretty young when we got married," she continued. "We grew up together; we were a team."

"Alan was so happy to be a grandfather," she continued, talking about Jacob Jaffe, Debbi's son, now 14 months old.

Gilstein was a founding partner of Piccerelli, Gilstein & Company, LLP, one of Rhode Island's leading accounting firms. He was named one of the best accountants in Rhode Island by *Money Magazine.*

"He was a consummate gentleman," said Jay Strauss, who served with Gilstein on the board of The Miriam Hospital. "He was a good listener; I would always listen attentively to him. Alan was extremely well-versed in all matters dealing with financing and the hospital," he said.



Suzanne and Alan Gilstein.

The passion for Miriam Hospital was very much a family tradition; Suzanne Gilstein worked as a nurse at the hospital, and she also served as co-president of the Women's Association. In addition, she established the "navigator" program for breast cancer patients.

In turn, both of his children, Adam and Debbi, also currently work at The Miriam Hospital.

According to Suzanne Gilstein, "some of the happiest moments were those that we shared on our boat in Narragansett Bay. We summered in Newport for 22 years."

Mel Alperin, a close personal friend, said: "We spent many pleasant hours on Narragansett Bay together. In every sense, Alan was one of those who cared deeply about *tikkun olam*, repairing the world. He exhibited a great concern and care about the Rhode Island community. I will miss him a great deal personally, and so will the community."

The Gilsteins believed it was very important to keep the link alive from Jewish generation to Jewish generation, and they were very generous in supporting the Jewish community in Rhode Island.