

GILSTEIN, BENJAMIN

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GILSTEIN, BENJAMIN, 97, of Cranston, died Friday, Feb. 11, 2011 at Steere House, Providence. He was the beloved husband of the late Lillian (Krakowsky) Gilstein.

Born in Providence, he was a son of the late Aaron and Rose (Stoneberg) Gilstein.

Ben was the co-owner of Gil's Hardware and Troup's Hardware on Smith St., Providence, for 30 years with his late brother, Cyrus. He was also a realtor for 15 years. Benjamin was a former member of Temple Torat Yisrael. He was a member of Touro Fraternal Association, a board member of South Providence Hebrew Free Loan Association and past president of Smith Hill Businessmen's Association. He was known for his wisdom and his strong moral compass.

Devoted father of Barry Gilstein and his wife, Roberta, Andrew Gilstein and his wife, Sharon, all of Warwick and the late Alan Gilstein as well as devoted father in law of Suzanne Gilstein of Providence. Dear brother of Doris Reffkin of Warwick and the late Evelyn Weinberg, and Alton, William and Cyrus Gilstein. Loving grandfather of Adam, Debbi, Stephanie, Michael, Amy and Amanda. Cherished great grandfather of 6.

Funeral services will be held Sunday at 11:00 a.m. in SHALOM MEMORIAL CHAPEL, 1100 New London Ave., Cranston. In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to the Alan and Suzanne Gilstein Nursing Symposium Fund, c/o Miriam Hospital Foundation, Box H, Providence, RI 02901, or to Tamarisk, 3 Shalom Dr., Warwick, RI 02886. Shiva will be observed at Tamarisk on Sunday from 6-8pm and Monday and Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8.