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GILSTEIN
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Providence

WILLIAM GILSTEIN, 88, of Sargent Avenue, a former ventriloquist and magician, and a retired city employee, died yesterday at Hallworth House.



He was the husband of Rosalie (Chernick) Gilstein. Born in Providence, a son of the late Aaron and Rose (Stoneberg) Gilstein, he had lived in Warwick for several years before returning to Providence.

Mr. Gilstein was employed by the City of Providence in code enforcement, retiring in 1980, and was a member of the City of Providence 1033 Union.

He had been associated with his brothers, Benjamin Gilstein of Cranston and the late Cyrus Gilstein, at Gil's and Troup's Hardware, on Smith Street, for more than 15 years.

A ventriloquist and magician during World War II, he performed at many nightclubs, Army bases and charity events in New England as "Will Gill." He was a member of the American Guild of Variety Artists, the Society of American Magicians, the Providence Hebrew Free Loan Association and the Cranston Seniors Guild.

Mr. Gilstein was a former member of Temple Emanu-El.

Besides his wife and brother, he leaves two daughters, Gayle S. Nevins of Scottsdale, Ariz., and Cheryl L. Gilstein of Providence; two sisters, Doris Reffkin and Evelyn Weinberg, both of Providence; and a granddaughter. He was a brother of the late Alton Gilstein and grandfather of the late Marc J. Nevins.

The funeral service will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m. in Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St. at Fourth Street. Burial will be in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

GILSTEIN, William

February 6, 2000. Beloved husband of Rosalie (Chernick) Gilstein. Residence: 12 Sargeant Ave., Providence. Dear father of Gayle S. Nevins, Scottsdale, AZ and Cheryl L. Gilstein, Providence. Loving brother of Benjamin Gilstein, Cranston; Doris Reffkin, Providence; Evelyn Weinberg, Providence; and the late Alton and Cyrus Gilstein. Devoted grandfather of Traci Nevins Green and the late Marc J. Nevins. Funeral service 1PM Wednesday at MOUNT SINAI MEMORIAL CHAPEL, 825 Hope at Fourth Sts. Relatives and friends are invited. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to charity of your choice. Memorial observance at his late residence Thursday, 2-4 and 7-9PM; Friday, 2-4 and Saturday, 7-9PM.