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GOLDBLATT, BURTON D. of Narragansett, RI and Naples, FL, formerly of Sarasota, FL, died on June 5, 2007 at the age of 86.

Mr. Goldblatt was born in Providence, RI and resided in a variety of RI communities for his entire life. He was a part time resident of Florida for the past 20 years.

He was the son of the late Carl and Belle (Frank) Goldblatt. Upon his graduation from Hope High School in 1938, Mr. Goldblatt and his father opened Hope Hardware in Providence. Following Pearl Harbor, he sold the hardware store and enlisted in the Army Air Corps.

Mr. Goldblatt spent most of the next four years in the European Theater, much of that time assigned to an air base. Discharged in 1945 with the rank of Staff Sergeant, he returned to Rhode Island along with hundreds of thousands of vets to marry and raise a family.

During the 40's and 50's, Mr. Goldblatt worked in a variety of sales and manufacturing settings. In 1959, he seized on an opportunity to return to his earlier dreams and opened his second hardware store. For the next twenty years, he was the owner/manager of Centre Hardware in Barrington, RI. Upon selling that establishment in 1975, he was the subject of an editorial in the Barrington Times, which recognized him as "Mr. Hardware".

In semi-retirement, Mr. Goldblatt continued to work for a number of hardware stores throughout the State of RI. In his later years, he