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GOLDIN, DR. MORRIS

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DR. MORRIS BIRNS GOLDIN, 87, of The Bridges, 403 Wycoff Ave., Ithaca, N.Y., formerly of Fall River and Middletown, a longtime dentist in Fall River before he retired and a community activist, died yesterday at home.

He was the husband of the late Regina (Spiegelblatt) Goldin. Born in New York City, a son of the late Jacob Edward and Hattie (Birns) Goldin, he had lived in Middletown for 25 years before moving to Ithaca 3 years ago. He had previously lived in Fall River for 28 years.

A gradate of New York University and the University of Pennsylvania School of Dentistry, he graduated from dental school in 1939. He practiced dentistry briefly in New York City before enlisting in the Navy in 1940. He served in Europe during World War II, seeing service in England and France, and rose to the rank of lieutenant commander.

He established a private dental practice in Fall River, which he operated for 42 years, retiring in 1987.

He was active in numerous professional and community organizations in Fall River. Professionally, he served as secretary of the Southeastern Chapter of the Massachusetts Dental Society for over a decade. He helped establish and provide services at a free dental clinic for cerebral-palsy patients in Fall River. He volunteered his services at the dental clinic of the Hospital Albert Sweitzer, in Haiti.

An active and skilled golfer, he was a longtime member and served on the board of directors of the Fall River Country Club. He also had memberships at Wanumetonomy Golf Club, in Middletown, and Metacomet Country Club, East Providence.

He was a life master at bridge and an active member of many local bridge clubs. He was a member of the Redwood Library, Newport.

He was a former member of Temple Beth-El in Fall River, and Temple Shalom in Middletown.

He leaves a son, Robert David Goldin of Palo Alto, Calif.; a daughter, Penny Goldin in Ithaca; and two grandchildren.

A funeral service will be held tomorrow at 2 p.m. in Temple Shalom, 223 Valley Rd., Middletown. Burial will be in Beth Olam Cemetery, Middletown.

GOLDIN,
Dr. Morris Birns

February 19, 2003. Residence, 403 Wyckoff Avenue, Ithaca, NY; formerly of Fall River and Middletown. Beloved husband of the late Regina (Spiegelblatt) Goldin. Devoted father of Robert David Goldin of Palo Alto, CA and Penny Goldin of Ithaca, NY. Loving grandfather of Evan Birns Goldin and Joanna Leigh Goldin. Funeral Service Friday 2pm in TEMPLE SHALOM, 223 Valley Road, Middletown. In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to your favorite charity. Shiva will be observed at 526 Tuckerman Avenue, Middletown Sunday 9:30am to 4:30pm. Arrangements by SHALOM MEMORIAL CHAPEL, 1100 New London Ave., Cranston.