GOLDSMITH, James

December 27, 2000. Beloved husband of Marion (Jagolinzer) Goldsmith. Residence: Sarasota, FL; formerly of Providence. Adored father of Barbara J. Goldsmith, Barrington; David Goldsmith, Harmony; and the late Dorothy Goldsmith Jansma, Ph.D. Loving brother of the late Maurice Goldsmith, Esther Press and Rose Kunstler. Cherished grandfather of Breanna J. Goldsmith, Harmony and Caitlin A. Taub, Barrington. Dear brother-in-law of Lois and Burton Fain. Funeral service Sunday, 1PM at Temple Beth-El, 70 Orchard Ave., Providence. Relatives and friends are invited. Visiting hours at the home of Barbara J. Goldsmith, 6

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JAMES GOLDSMITH, 86, of 4683 Chandlers Forde, Sarasota, Fla., formerly of Providence, vice president of the former Gerald C. Finkelman Inc., now the Egis Group, before he retired, died Wednesday at home.



He was the husband of Marion (Jagolinzer) Goldsmith. They were married for 54 years. Born in Providence, a son of the late Philip and Adele (Schlossberg) Goldsmith, he had lived in Providence most of his life before moving to Florida several years ago.

During the push for fair housing in the 1950s and 1960s, he actively worked with Citizens United for a Fair Housing Law for legislation promoting fair housing without regard to race or religion.

He had been in the insurance business since 1946 and was executive vice president of Kagan & Shawcross Inc. He had been president of the Independent Insurance Agents of Rhode Island, a national board member of the Independent Insurance Agents of America, chairman of the Eastern Agents Conference, an honorary member of the advisory board of the New England Associations of Insurance Agents, and a board member of the Professional Insurance Agents of New England.

He was a member of the URI Insurance Education Committee and an insurance instructor at Bryant College and Johnson & Wales University. He was past president of the Exchange Club in Providence.

During World War II, Mr. Goldsmith served in the Army for five years, advancing from private to infantry captain, and held several awards and decorations for combat service in Europe, including the Bronze Star. He served with the 60th Armored Infantry Battalion, 9th Armored Division.

He was a member of Temple Beth-El. He had served on the board of trustees and with the Social Action Committee of Temple Emanuel. He was a former board member of Trinity Repertory Company and an executive board member of the Foundation for Repertory Theatre in Rhode Island. He served on the board of the Urban League of Rhode Island, the Mental Health Association of Rhode Island and Volunteers In Action (VIA), where he served as past vice president.

Mr. Goldsmith was former chairman of the advisory council of the Retired Senior Volunteers Program (RSVP) and a member of the National Conference of Christians and Jews. He was a volunteer patient representative at Rhode Island Hospital, Jane Brown building, from 1982 to 1992.

Besides his wife, he leaves a daughter, Barbara J. Goldsmith of Barrington; a son, David P. Goldsmith of Harmony; and two grandchildren. He was the father of the late Dorothy Goldsmith Jansma, and brother of the late Maurice Goldsmith, Esther Press and Rose Kunstler.

The funeral service will be held tomorrow at 1 p.m. in Temple Beth-El, 70 Orchard Ave. Burial will be in Sharon (Mass.) Memorial Park.