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HAROLD ARTHUR GRETSKY, 91, of 100 Borden St., a federal employee at the U.S. Customs House in Boston until his retirement 21 years ago, died Tuesday at home. He was the husband of the late Lillian (Binder) Gretsky.

Born in Russia, a son of the late Morris and Bessie (Phillips) Gretsky, he had lived in the Boston area before he moved to Providence in 1985.

He was a self-taught musician and a marathon runner, running in the Boston Marathon in 1929 and the Shepard's department store 44-mile run from Providence to Boston in 1929, finishing sixth.

He leaves a son, Dr. Neil L. Gretsky of Hermosa Beach, Calif.; a daughter, Nancy Gretsky Bassel of Providence; two brothers, Henry Gretsky of Quincy, Mass., and Joe Gretsky of Chelsea, Mass.; two sisters, Sylvia Hart and Ruth Gretsky, both of Chelsea; and three grandsons. He was the brother of the late Renee Greenfield and Mary Goldstein.

The funeral service will be held tomorrow at 10 a.m. from Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St. Burial will be in Kehillath Jacob Cemetery, Baker Street, West Roxbury, Mass.

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December 15, 1998. Residence: Borden St., Providence. Beloved Husband of the late Lillian (Binder) Gretsky. Devoted Father of Dr. Neil E. Gretsky, Hermosa Beach, CA, Nancy Gretsky Bassel, Providence. Dear Brother of Henry Gretsky, Quincy, MA, Joe Gretsky, Chelsea, MA, Sylvia Hart, Chelsea, MA, Ruth Gretsky, Chelsea, MA and the late Renee Greenfield and Mary Goldstein. Adored Grandfather of Noah Bassel and Aaron and Miles Gretsky. Funeral Services Friday at 10:00 AM at the MAX SUGARMAN MEMORIAL CHAPEL, 458 Hope Street, (Cor. of Doyle Ave) Providence. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to: Steere House, 100 Borden St., Providence, RI 02903 or Alzheimers Association of RI, 911 Pontiac Ave., Cranston, RI 02920. Shiva will be observed at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Howard Bassel, 570 Wayland Ave., Providence, Friday, 1:30 -3:30, Saturday 6-9 PM and Sunday through Wednesday 2-4 and 7-9 PM