GROSSMAN, MORTON

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MORTON A. GROSSMAN, 91, of Clarendon Avenue, and West Kingston, a former owner of a garden-supply wholesale business, died Wednesday at home.

He was the husband of Ruth (Abedon) Grossman. Born in Providence, a son of the late Benjamin and Anna (Sackett) Grossman, he had been a lifelong resident of Providence and a summer resident of West Kingston for 50 years.

He was the founder and former owner of Crawford Garden Supplies on Atwells Avenue from 1948 until he retired and sold the business in 1988.

Through their generosity, Mr. Grossman and his wife made possible the building of the surgical wing at Roger Williams Hospital, and they established scholarship funds through the University of Rhode Island Foundation.

He was a graduate of the University of Rhode Island, Class of 1933. He and his wife were the first couple to receive honorary degrees together. They received an honorary degree in the humanities in 1982.

He was a member of Temple Emanu-El.

Besides his wife, he leaves a daughter, Harriet Miller of Providence; a son, Edward Grossman of Narragansett; a sister, Edythe Siegal of Woodbridge, Conn.; and five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. He was the brother of the late Samuel Grossman.

The funeral service will be held today at 11 a.m. in Sugarman-Sinai Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St. Burial will be in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. PJ 2/15/2002

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February 13, 2002. Beloved husband of Ruth (Abedon) Grossman. Residence: 30 Clarendon Avenue, Providence and West Kingston, RI. Devoted father of Harriet Miller, Providence and Edward Grossman, Narragansett. Loving brother of Edythe Siegal, Woodbridge, CT, and the late Samuel Grossman. Devoted grandfather of five and great-grandfather of six. Funeral Service 11:00 A.M. Friday at SUGARMAN-SINAI MEMORIAL CHAPEL, 458 Hope Street, Providence. Relatives and friends are invited. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to your favorite charity. Shiva will observed at his late residence in Providence Saturday 7-9 and Sunday-Wednesday 2-4 and 7-9 P.M.