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CRANSTON — Fredrick K. Kafrissen, of 430 Meshanticut Valley Parkway, president and principal owner of Providence Laquer and Supply Center, Cranston, retiring in 1982, died April 9 at Our Lady of Fatima Hospital, North Providence. He was the husband of Silvia (Griver) Kafrissen.

Born in Philadelphia, Pa., a son of the late Samuel and Fannie (Abramowitz) Kafrissen, he lived in Cranston for 40 years, previously living in West Warwick.

After retiring, Mr. Kafrissen served on the board of directors of Providence Laquer and Supply Center.

He was a member of the Cranston Jewish Center, Temple Torat Yisrael and B'nai B'rith and an honorary life member of the Elks. He was a founding member of the Valley Country Club, West Warwick, and served on the board of trustees of Centerville Savings Bank, West Warwick.

He was a member of the YMCA for many years.

He was a highly decorated Boy Scout and later served as a scoutmaster in Cranston. He was an Army veteran of World War II and had been an aircraft mechanic at Quonset Point in the early 1940s.

Besides his wife, he leaves two sons. Ian Donald Kafrissen in Florida and Samuel Kafrissen of Boston, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. He was the brother of the late Abraham and Ancil Kafrissen and Rose LeSavoy.

A memorial service was held April 11 at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence.

Union Liquors Co. in 1936 and ran the company until 1978 when he sold it to the Pappas Co. He was a member of the organizing committee of the United Fund in New Bedford. He helped to organize the New Bedford Industrial Foundation and the New Bedford Jewish Community Center, of which he was a board member and president. He was also a board member of the Jewish Convalescent Home.

A founding member of the Allendale Country Club, where he remained an avid golfer and member until late in life. He was the club's president from 1964 to 1966. He was also an original board member of the Southeastern Massachusetts Bank, a member of the Bank of Boston board of directors from 1978 to 1986 and the director of the Leen Memorial Scholarship Fund.

In 1991, he was inducted into the New Bedford Gridiron Club Hall of Fame as a member of famed coach Jimmy Murphy's teams in the early 1930s. He was also remembered for excelling on the basketball court and the baseball diamond and coached local basketball teams.

He is survived by his daughter, Lorrie Grossman of Connecticut; and his two grandchildren. He was also the father of the late Edward S. Leen and the brother of the late David Leen and Harold Leen.

Services were held March 18 at the Tifereth Israel Congregation, New Bedford. Interment was in the Congregation Cemetery, New Bedford. Services were by the Brezniak-Rodman Funeral Directors, 1251 Washington St., Newton, Mass.