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KAPLAN, JAY MARVIN, age 78, died suddenly while walking his dog, Daisy, on July 1, 2006. He was born in Worcester, Mass. On February 16, 1928, son of A. Milton Kaplan and Rosalynd Davis Kaplan.

He graduated Worcester Academy with honors in 1945. He entered Amherst College at age 16 and joined the U.S. Army after his Junior year and served for 18 months in South Korea. He returned to graduate Amherst in 1950 with a BA Degree in Philosophy, awarded Magna Cum Laude. He was also a member of Phi Beta Kappa. While at Amherst, he sang second bass in the Amherst Double Quartet (DQ). From 1951 to 1955 Jay attended Harvard University, completing requirements of MA in Clinical Psychology, and meeting all course and residency requirements for PhD in Clinical Psychology. He worked for 25 years for the State of Rhode Island, initially in the Mental Hygiene Services as a Clinical Psychologist at the RI Juvenile Diagnostic Center, under Mental Health Services for Children and then later transferred to the Department for Children, Youth and Families (DCYF). He retired as Supervisor and Chief of Psychological Services, Mental Health Services for Children and Youth (MHSCY), having moved to the Department for Children (DCYF) in 1985 and retired in 1994. Starting in 1959, Jay did private counseling. For over 35 years, he maintained an independent practice for psychotherapy and counseling. He was an advocate for the protection of civil liberties and was on the Executive Board, Rhode Island, American Civil Liberties Union (East Bay Chapter) and was the Chairman of the Rhode Island Juvenile Justice Project ACLU from 1972-73. His interests were many. Music played a predominant role in his life. He played several instruments including the tuba, the cello and the piano. He played both by ear and by sight. Jay read extensively with interests in philosophy, poetry, politics and history. He saw humor in all aspects of life and his humor ranged from the hilarious to the outrageous. He loved dogs having a special interest in their behavior, and as an adult, always had a dog. He is survived by his children, a son, Sam Kaplan of Riverside, RI, a daughter, Suzanne Kaplan of Pasadena, CA, former wife Norma