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Israel Karten, of Stoughton, originally from Providence, and an educator known for his private library and his collection of James Joyce memorabilia and works, died March 2 at the South Shore Hospital. He was 77.

Karten was a graduate of the New England Conservatory of Music. A teacher in the Providence Public Schools, he later became the director of education at Temple Sinai in Cranston. Karten served as the executive director of Temple Beth El in Providence and then moved to Massachusetts where he assumed a similar position at Temple Beth Am in Randolph. He had also been a faculty member of Temple Beth El of Providence and Temple Beth Elohim of Wellesley.

Karten was a veteran of World War II, and was among the first group of draftees inducted under the then-new Selective Service Act. While stationed in Winthrop, he met his wife, Esther (Levine) to whom he was married for 49 years. Karten was a collector of musical works, Judaica, and Joycian collectibles. He has willed his Joyce collection to the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

In addition to his wife, Karten leaves his children, Carol and Rabbi David Mersky of Newton and Ruth and Dr. Norman Spack of Brookline and his four grandchildren, Adam and Rachel Mersky and Rebecca and Jonathan Spack. Services were held at Temple Israel of Boston under the direction of Levine Chapel and interment followed at Sharon Memorial Park. Donations may be made to the Library Fund at Temple Israel.

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March 2, 1992 of Stoughton, MA. Beloved Husband of Esther (Levine). Loving Father of Carol and Rabbi David Mersky of Newton, MA, Ruth and Dr. Norman Spack of Brookline, MA. Cherished Grandfather of Adam and Rachel Mersky, Rebecca and Jonathan Spack. Services at Temple Israel, Longwood Ave. and Plymouth St., Boston on Wednesday, March 4 at 1:00 p.m. Attended parking along the Riverway. Shiva will be observed at the home of Rabbi and Mrs. David Mersky. Remembrances may be made to the Library

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