KESTIN,
ALICJA WANDA
(DRABIENKO)

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KESTIN, ALICJA WANDA (DRABIENKO), 88, of Providence died Tues., March 21st, at Philip Hulitar Hospice. She was the wife of the late Dr. Joseph Kestin.

Born in Poland she was the daughter of the late Marceli Drabienko and the late Estera "Elizabeth" (Laskowski) Drabienko.

Mrs. Kestin was a Holocaust survivor, who unfortunately lost many of her family members during the Holocaust. During WWII she worked for the Polish Embassy in London as a translator and after the war for UNESCO in Paris as a translator and executive assistant. She was a member of the Chopin Club of Rhode Island and also a member of Women of Brown Community at Brown University.

Mrs. Kestin is survived by her daughter Dr. Anita Kestin and her husband Jerry Elmer of Providence, as well as her two grandchildren Joshua and Rebecca Kestin. She was the sister of the late Stefan and Edward Drabienko.

Burial will be private. Memorial Observance will take place at her late residence, Laurelmeade, 355 Blackstone Blvd., Providence, on Sun., March 25th, 6-8 PM and Tues., March 27th, 6-8 PM. In lieu of flowers contriutions may be made to Rhode Island College Foundation, Drabienko Endowed Fund for String Instruments, 600 Mt. Pleasant Ave., Providence, RI 02908 or to Common Cause of Rhode Island, at commoncauseri.org, 1133 19th St., NW, 9th Floor, Washington, DC 20036. The family was assisted with the arrangements by
SUGARMAN-SINAI MEMORIAL CHAPEL.