KOLB, Rhoda

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RHODA KOLB, 75, of Longboat Key, Fla., died March 8 at Sarasota Memorial Hospital. She was the wife of Theodore Kolb, co-founder of the Peerless Co. of Pawtucket and Providence.



Born in Providence, she was a daughter of the late John Sorgman and Clara (Silverman) Sorgman. She had been a longtime resident of Providence and Narragansett.

Mrs. Kolb worked for Bette Rand of Providence until her marriage. In 1970, she and her husband moved to Deland, Fla., where she owned and operated fashion stores Turtle Dove and Rhoda's Closet.

After returning to Providence in 1976, Mrs. Kolb was employed by Peerless Co. of Wayland Square. She also worked for E.D. Ltd., Town & Country and Richards East. She moved to Longboat Key in 1990, and was a fashion consultant to Susan Stribling from 1991 until last year, when she retired.

Besides her husband, she leaves a son, Richard Wagner of Glocester; a daughter, Robin Radka of Bradenton Beach, Fla.; two sisters, Jacqueline Singer of Warwick and Maxine Leventhal of Longboat Key; two stepsons, Jonathan Kolb of Brookline, Mass., and Thomas Kolb of Wellesley, Mass.; a stepdaughter, Judith Morris of New Bedford; and seven grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held May 16 at 2 p.m. in Temple Am David, Warwick.