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BORIS KUDISH

Funeral services for Boris Kudish, 70, of 183 Whitmarsh Street, founder of the Nyanza discount store chain in Rhode Island, who died Sunday in Miami Beach, Fla., were held Tuesday at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery. He was the husband of Mary (Elbein) Kudish.

Born Feb. 20, 1897, he was the son of the late Berl and Paula (Sexter) Kudish. He received the equivalent of a high school education in Russia, and in 1914 served with the Russian Army.

Mr. Kudish operated retail stores in the Kiev area of Russia after World War I, ran a store and a plantation in Cuba, and then came to Somerville, Mass., in 1940, to open a cut-rate store.

During the war, Mr. Kudish and his family bought out Eddie's Cut Rate and White's Cut Rate stores in the Hoyle Square area.

The first Nyanza store was opened in 1957 in Woonsocket, followed quickly by other stores in Warwick in 1961, and Bristol in 1965. The discount chain expects to open a new store in Providence, and a fifth store in another location, the family said on Sunday. Although two of Mr. Kudish's sons are active in the chain, he retained the title of president.

He had lived in a two-family home on Whitmarsh Street since 1944. He was fond of the beach and made several vacation trips to Florida. Because of his diverse background, Mr. Kudish was fluent in Russian, Yiddish, Spanish and Italian.

Besides his wife, he is survived by three sons, Robert Kudish of Cranston, Henry Kudish of New Orleans and Edward Kudish of Providence, and seven grandchildren.

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