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Raymond T. Laurans dies at 77; ex-head of Roger Williams Foods

PROVIDENCE — Raymond T. Laurans, 77, of 482 Lloyd Ave. died yesterday at home. He was the husband of Mary Ann (Bob) Laurans. He was the husband of the late Ann V. (Rudnick) Laurens.



Born in Fall River, Mass., he was a son of the late Harry and Hester (Rudovsky) Laurens.

Mr. Laurans was a 1936 graduate of Rutgers University. He served as president and chief executive officer, and part owner, of Roger Williams Foods for 40 years before retiring in 1984. After retirement, he became manager of the Pitman Street IGA Supermarket.

He had been a director of the North American Wholesale Grocers Association, a director of the national division of the Independent Grocers Alliance, and a director of the New England Food Dealers Association, of which he was also a vice president.

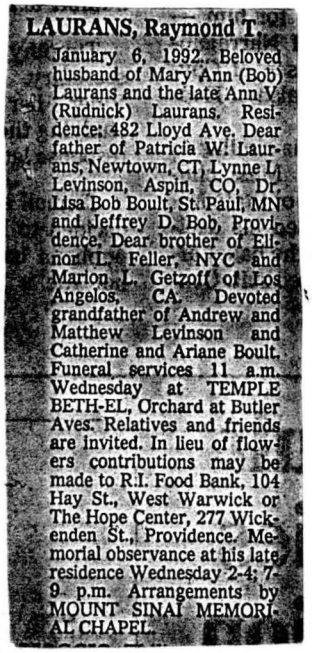
Mr. Laurans served on the board of directors of the Food Bank and Meals-on- Wheels, and the Hope Center for Life Enhancement.

He played first string varsity baseball at Rutgers University, and had been a New England handball champion winning the single and double championships in his mid 40s. He had been elected to the Rhode Island Jewish Athletic Hall of Fame. He was a member of Temple Beth-El. He was a member of the Ledgemont Country Club.

Besides his wife he leaves two daughters, Patricia W. Laurens of Newtown, Conn., and Lynne L. Levinson of Aspen, Colo.; two stepchildren, Lisa B. Boult of St. Paul, Minn., and Jeffrey D. Bob of Providence; two sisters, Elinor L. Feller of New York, Marian L. Getzoff of Los Angeles, Calif., and four grandchildren.

The funeral will be held tomorrow at 11 a.m. at Temple Beth-El, Orchard Avenue. Burial will be in Congregation Sons of Israel & David Cemetery.

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January 6, 1992. Beloved husband of Mary Ann (Bob) Laurans and the late Ann V. (Rudnick) Laurans. Residence: 482 Lloyd Ave. Dear father of Patricia W. Laurans, Newtown, CT, Lynne L. Levinson, Aspin, CO, Dr. Lisa Bob Boult, St. Paul, MN and Jeffrey D. Bob, Providence. Dear brother of Elinor L. Feller, NYC and Marion L. Getzoff of Los Angelos, CA. Devoted grandfather of Andrew and Matthew Levinson and Catherine and Ariane Boult. Funeral services 11 a.m. Wednesday at TEMPLE BETH-EL, Orchard at Butler Aves. Relatives and friends are invited. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to R.I. Food Bank, 104 Hay St., West Warwick or The Hope Center, 277 Wickenden St., Providence. Memorial observance at his late residence Wednesday 2-4; 7-9 p.m. Arrangements by MOUNT SINAI MEMORIAL CHAPEL.