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July 27, 1995. Beloved husband of Lenore (Hess) Leach. Residence: 500 Blackstone Blvd., Providence. Summer resident of Goat Island, Newport. Dear father of Tracey A. Lev, Englewood, NJ; James H. Leach, Newport and Peter P.D. Leach, Pawtucket. Dear brother of Ruth Oster and Max Leach, Providence. Devoted grandfather of Samantha, Matthew and Jonathan. Funeral Service 2 p.m. Friday, at TEMPLE BETH-EL, Orchard at Butler Avenues. Relatives and friends are invited. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Miriam Hospital Foundation, Nursing Education Fund or Temple Beth-El Minyan Fund. Memorial Observance at his late residence, Sunday-Tuesday, 2-4; 7-9 p.m. Arrangements by MOUNT SINAI MEMORIAL CHAPEL.

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OSCAR A. "ARNIE" LEACH, 83, of 500 Blackstone Blvd. and a summer resident of Goat Island, Newport, a former Army captain who received a commendation for saving the government millions of dollars, died yesterday at Miriam Hospital. He was the husband of Lenore (Hess) Leach.



A lifelong Providence resident, he was a son of the late Harry and Pauline (Greenberg) Leach. He was a captain in the Army and was chief ordnance officer in the Automotive Division from 1942 to 1945. During his military career he received a commendation for saving the government $80 million in tank production costs by standardizing the ball bearings on tank engines. After his military service, he resumed his career in family businesses.

He had been president of the former H. Leach Machinery Co. He was treasurer of the National Chain Co., treasurer of Yale Machinery Co. of Hartford, vice president of the Industrial Machinery Appraisal Co. and vice president of the Maine Machinery Co.

Mr. Leach pioneered conversion of idle mill complexes in Rhode Island by restoring them to provide jobs and industrial space to many well-known manufacturing companies.

He was a member of the Aurora Civic Association and had been a member of a Masonic Lodge in Detroit. He was a founding member of the Ledgemont Country Club and a member of the Machinery Dealers National Association.

He had been appointed a commodore by former Governor J. Joseph Garrahy. In his youth he was an Eagle Scout and served as a scoutmaster.

Besides his wife, he leaves a daughter, Tracey A. Lev of Englewood, N.J.; two sons, James H. Leach of Newport and Peter P.D. Leach of Pawtucket; a sister, Ruth Oster of Providence; a brother, Max Leach of Providence; and three granchildren.

The funeral will be held today at 2 p.m. at Temple Beth-El, Orchard at Butler Avenues. Burial will be in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.