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LEVIN, IRVING H.

LEVIN, IRVING H., 89, of Lyndon Road, a former Democratic State Representative and owner of a real estate and insurance company, died Saturday at Kent County Memorial Hospital, Warwick. He was the beloved husband of the late Ann (Ross) Levin.

Born in Providence, a son of the late Jacob and Sarah Levin, he had lived in Cranston for 51 years. He was a graduate of Hope High School, Providence. He was the owner/operator of the Levin Agency in Cranston for 45 years. He was a WW-II army veteran serving in the European Theater with both the Airborne and the 20th Armored Divisions.

Mr. Levin was a retired state representative (D), District 27, Cranston serving for 20 years and was "Dean of the State House." He served in many capacities during his time in office including State Committeeman (D) for 33 years and Chairman of the State Representative Committee (D) for 32 years. He was known as the "Veteran's Legislator", sponsoring many veteran's bills and was on several veteran's advisory boards.

He was Commander of the Jewish War Veterans of the USA, Department of RI and Chairman of the J.W.V. Memorial Wall of Honor at Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. He was a life member of the American Legion, a member of Overseas Lodge #40 AF&AM and Insurance Agents of RI. He was a past president of the National Conference of Insurance Legislators, the RI Association of Realtors, Greater Providence Board of Realtors, Cranston Chamber of Commerce, Cranston Kiwanis Club and Lincoln Park Cemetery.

Devoted father of Robert A. Levin of Charlestown, Barry J. Levin of Richmond and Carol M. Kaufman of Carlsbad, CA. Dear brother of Arthur Levin of Sun City West, AZ, Mildred Millman of Poway, CA and the late Sylvia Baron. Loving grandfather of Stacey, Randee, Daniel, Stephen, Celena and Ethan.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. in TEMPLE SINAI, 30 Hagan Avenue, Cranston. Burial to follow with military honors in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to the Memorial Wall Foundation, P.O. Box 3699, Cranston, RI 02910. Shiva will be private. Arrangements by SHALOM MEMORIAL CHAPEL, 1100 New London Ave., Cranston.