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September 5, 2001. Beloved husband of the late Rose (Karpman) Luftman. Residence, 33 Arthur Ave., East Providence. Dear father of Dr. Richard Luftman, longmeadow, MA; Dr. Martin Luftman, Lexington, KY; and Rhonda Altman, New Fairfield, CT. Loving brother of Albert J. Luftman, Chestnut Hill, MA and the late George Luftman, Ethel Rosenbloom, Edith Hillman, Rose Luftman and Marion Rubin. Devoted grandfather of 9. Funeral Service 10:00am Friday at SUGARMAN-SINAI MEMORIAL CHAPEL, 458 Hope St., Providence. Relatives and friends are invited. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to American Cancer Society, 400 Main St., Pawtucket, RI 02860 or Miriam Hospital, 164 Summit Ave., Providence, RI 02906. Shiva to be observed in the function room at his late residence Sunday 12-4pm.

BENJAMIN LUFTMAN, 87, of 33 Arthur Ave., a manager at the former Outlet Co. stores in Garden City and Warwick before retiring in 1980, died Wednesday at Miriam Hospital.

He was the husband of the late Rose (Karpman) Luftman. Born in Newton, Mass., a son of the late Harry and Lena (Levine) Luftman, he had been a resident of East Providence for over 25 years, previously living in Providence for 12 years, and in Oak Park, Mich., and Boston.

From 1960 to 1980, he was a buyer for the Outlet in its downtown Providence location before becoming a store manager in Garden City and Warwick. He had also been a buyer at RH White's in Boston, and the Right Kay department store in Detroit for four years.

He was an Army master sergeant during World War II with Headquarters 100th Infantry Division in Europe, where he was awarded a Bronze Star for meritorious service in France and Germany.

Mr. Luftman was a member of and served on the board of directors of both Temple Emanu-El and its Men's Club. He was a member of Cosmopolitan Masonic Lodge, AF&AM, Pride of Jacob Lodge, Touro Fraternal Association, Cranston Senior Guild, Majestic Senior Guild, Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare in Washington, D.C., the World War II Memorial Committee and National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund. He was a former member of Crestwood Country Club.

He was a graduate of Dorchester High School and Bentley College, where he studied accounting and finance.

He leaves two sons, Dr. Richard S. Luftman of Longmeadow, Mass., and Dr. Martin J. Luftman of Lexington, Ky.; a daughter, Rhonda E. Altman of New Fairfield, Conn.; a brother, Albert J. Luftman of Chestnut Hill, Mass.; and nine grandchildren. He was the brother of the late George and Rose Luftman, Ethel Rosenbloom, Edith Hillman and Marion Rubin.

The funeral will be held today at 10 a.m. in Sugarman-Sinai Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St., Providence. Burial will be in Pride of Jacob Cemetery, West Roxbury, Mass.