PARMET, GERSON "GUS"

Obituaries

Gerson "Gus" Parmet, pioneer sports-radio announcer, dies at 83.

NORTH PROVIDENCE — Gerson "Gus" Parmet, 83, of Smithfield Rd., a longtime Rhode Island area radio sports announcer died Apr. 25 at Hopkins Manor, after an illness. He was the husband of the late Florence (Rosen) Parmet. They had been married for 43 years.

Born in Philadelphia, he was a son of the late Joseph and Clara (Mahlstein) Parmet, Growing up in Philadelphia, he lived in Rhode Island most of his life.

He was a popular play-by-play announcer during the late 1950s and '60s for several local college sports teams, including Brown football and URI basketball. He worked for a number of Providence area radio stations during that time.

Mr. Parmet pioneered the concept of an audience participation sports-format talk show with his "Calling All Sports" in the late 1960s and "Sports Sound Off" in the early 1970s.

He was enthusiastic about local school sports and donated time on his radio shows to amateur athletics, in recognition of those not covered on the networks.

He was a Navy veteran of World War II, serving as a Seabee in the Phillippines.

He leaves three sons, Art Parmet of Burlington, Mass., Jon Parmet of Malibu, Calif., and Norm Parmet of Fairway, Kan.; and two grandsons.

Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.