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July 3, 2004. Beloved husband of Francine Carland. Residence: Branford, Ct. Devoted son of Jacob and Betty (Rimel) Poljak, Providence. Dear father of Sergei Poljak, Branford, Ct. Loving brother of Ina Poljak, London, U.K. Funeral service 2 p.m. Tuesday at SUGARMAN-SINAI MEMORIAL CHAPEL, 458 Hope St., Providence. Relatives and friends are invited. in lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Doctors Without Borders, 333 7th Ave., 2nd Floor, New York, N.Y., 10001-5004. Shiva will be at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Poljak, 243 Cole Ave., Providence, Tuesday 7-9, Wednesday and Thursday 2-4 and 7-9, Friday 2-4, and Sunday 2-4 and 7-9 p.m.

Providence

DR. ALEX POLJAK, 41, of Branford, Conn., and formerly of Providence, a director of occupational medicine, died unexpectedly Saturday while bicycling with his wife and son on Block Island.

He was the husband of Francine Carland. Born in Lvov, the Ukraine, a son of Jacob and Betty (Rimel) Poljak of Providence, he also had lived in Petach-Tikva, Israel, and Paris, France, before moving to Rhode Island in 1975.

A 1981 graduate of Providence Hebrew Day School, he graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1985, with a degree in biology, and from Stanford University Medical School in 1991. Dr. Poljak served a year's internship at California Pacific Medical Center and a year's residency in radiology at Yale New Haven Hospital. In 1997, he completed a fellowship at Yale Medical School in medical informatics.

He then founded Medlinx, of New York City, a company developing innovative medical software, and served its chairman and chief medical officer.

In the 1990s, he also had been an emergency-room physician at the Yale New Haven Hospital and another hospital, in Meriden, Conn., and an urgent-care provider and family practitioner at the Coastline Medical Center. He later had been an urgent-care physician for Healthsouth and US Healthworks.

Dr. Poljak received a master's degree from the Yale School of Public Health in 2002, while completing a residency in occupational medicine and environmental health.

In March, he became the director of occupational medicine at Greenwich Hospital, in Greenwich, Conn.

Throughout his career, he had published his research in many medical and scientific journals.

Besides his wife and his parents, he leaves a son, Sergei Poljak of Branford; and a sister, Ina Poljak of London, England.

The funeral service will be held today at 2 p.m. at Sugarman-Sinai Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St. Burial will be in the Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.