POSTAR, JOSEPH

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Joseph Postar, 84

CRANSTON— Joseph Postar, 84, a broadcast and print news editor, died on Jan. 18 in Sarasota, Fla., where he had lived since 2002. He was the husband of Mildred Postar. They had been married for 55 years.



A reporter on the Providence Journal Bulletin in the late 1940s and early '50s, a news editor with WPJB and WEAN radio in the '50s and in the early '60s he was the first news director of WLKW radio in Providence.

Later he worked in public relations, starting Postar Public Relations in 1985. Previously, he had been senior vice president of Creamer Dickson Basford and vice president and director of public relations at Potter Hazelhurst.

He served in the Navy in World War II, stationed in Washington D.C. where his assignment was in radar design.

He was a member of the Media Roundtable and the Broadcast Pioneers.

Mr. Postar was active in scouting for 45 years, serving in various capacities in Boy Scout troops in Cranston and the Narragansett Council and received the Shofar Award in 1994.

He was a member of the Redwood Lodge of Masons.

He was a former member of Temple Sinai in Cranston and was a member of Temple Emanu-El in Sarasota.

Besides his wife, he leaves two sons, Michael and his wife Adeen of No. Bethesda, Md.; and Robert of Emeryville, Calif., and four grandchildren, Dara, Stephanie, Daniel and Gideon.

Burial was in Palm Memorial Park, Sarasota.

Contributions may be made to the National Kidney Foundation.