RAKATANSKY, SIDNEY

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Providence

SYDNEY RAKATANSKY, 84, of Cornelius, N.C., formerly of Providence, died Tuesday at Sunrise Assisted Living, Charlotte, N.C.



He was the husband of the late Estelle (Kaplan) Rakatansky. Born in Providence on Oct. 6, 1918, a son of the late Morris and Fanny (Osterman) Rakatansky, he had lived in Providence for 25 years, and on Cape Cod for 22 years before moving to North Carolina in 1989.

Mr. Rakatansky was a volunteer for Presbyterian and University Hospitals in North Carolina.

He was a member of Temple Israel and the Points of View in Charlotte, and of exercise classes at Presbyterian Cardiac and Rehabilitation and Lake Norman YMCA.

He was an Air Force captain, serving as a navigator in World War II and the Korean War. He was a retired member of the Air Force Reserve.

He leaves a son, William Rakatansky of Cornelius; his twin brother, Harold Rakatansky of Cranston; a grandson, David Rakatansky of Cornelius and several nieces and nephews.

A service to celebrate his life was held Wednesday in North Carolina. A graveside service will be held today at 11 a.m. in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

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March 4, 2003. Son of the late Morris and Fanny (Osterman) Rakatansky. Husband of the late Estelle (Kaplan) Rakatansky. Companion of Joyce Mabel. Brother of the late Lee Rakatansky, Ida Gross, Bertha Finn, Belle Kolander and Dr. Nathan Rakatansky. Father of William and his wife Sherry (Browning) Rakatansky of Cornelus, NC; grandfather of David; survived by his twin brother Harold and his wife Muriel Rakatansky of Cranston, RI; nieces and nephews including Brenda and Al Goldman of Langhorne, PA; and Paul and Lenoir Gross of Madison, AL. Residence formerly of Providence. Service to celebrate Syd's life will be held at 1:00 p.m. Thursday, March 6, 2003 at Harry & Bryant Company "Chapel in the Oaks", 500 Providence Rd., Charlotte, NC, with Rabbi Murray Ezring officiating. A graveside service will be held at Lincoln Park Cemetery in Warwick, RI at 11 a.m. Friday, March 7. 2003. Memorials may be made to his son's favorite charity, Hope Haven, 3815 North Tryon Street, Charlotte, NC 28206. Harry & Bryant Company is serving his family.