RASKIN, MELVIN

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RASKIN, MELVIN DMD, 95, died November 17, 2011. He was the husband of the late Elaine (Leff) Raskin for 63 years. Born in Boston, the son of the late Louis and Esther (Rose) Raskin, he had been a resident of Rhode Island for 5 years.

Dr. Raskin was a graduate of Tufts Dental School. After practicing dentistry for twenty-five years in Hartford, CT, Dr. Raskin became a corporate officer of New York Blue Cross/Blue Shield overseeing the installation of dental insurance plans. He was one of the pioneers in the creation of dental insurance and traveled extensively lecturing on the subject.

Dr. Raskin is a veteran of WWII and a retired Lieutenant Colonel in the US Air Force Reserves. Dr. Raskin was one of the founders and the lay leader of the Jewish Center of Marco Island Florida. For 14 years he led weekly and High Holy Day religious services, served as ritual chairman, and performed duties normally fulfilled by a rabbi. In addition to serving on the boards of his religious institutions, Dr. Raskin also served on the board of Marco Health Care Center, an affiliate of Naples Community Hospital.

He is survived by his children; Patricia Raskin of East Greenwich, Russell Raskin of Providence, and Paul Raskin of Ft. Lauderdale, FL, his grandchildren; Laura, Natanya, Yisroel Meir, Aryeh, Miriam, Moshe, Yehudis Shifra, Eliyahu and Esther, and his great-grandchildren; Meira Bracha, Shimshon, Chaya and Rachel. He was the brother of the late Edith Abrams.

Funeral services will be held TODAY, Friday, November 18th at 9:30 AM at SUGARMAN-SINAI MEMORIAL CHAPEL, 458 Hope St., Providence with a burial in Sharon Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to Providence Hebrew Day School. Shiva will be held at Tamarisk Asstd. Living at 1:00 PM and at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Russell Raskin on Sun - Thur.