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RIESMAN, JOSEPH

Services will be held tomorrow at noon in Temple Israel for Joseph G. Riesman, 83, a retired electrical equipment manufacturer. He lived on Perkins street, Jamaica Plain, and died Tuesday in Beth Israel Hospital following a short illness.

Mr. Riesman was born and raised in Chelsea, where he was president of his senior class at Chelsea High School. During World War I he served as a yeoman in the Navy and in 1918, was graduated from Northeastern University with a BS degree. He was to have received an honorary degree of doctor of humane letters from Northeastern University on June 15.

With his late brother, Myer, Mr. Riesman founded the Royal Electric Co. of Pawtucket, R.I., which became the second largest producer of Christmas lighting in the world. But when the firm was acquired by the International Telephone and Telegraph Co. in 1956, Mr. Riesman then devoted his time to community, educational, and philanthropic causes.

He was trustee of Northeastern University and was selected as man of the year by the university in 1967. Mr. Riesman was a former vice-president and trustee of Beth Israel Hospital, a trustee of Temple Israel, and a trustee of the Hebrew College of Boston. He was also a life trustee of the Combined Jewish Philanthropies of Boston and A Friend of Brandeis University.

Mr. Riesman founded the dental clinic at Beth Israel Hospital which bears his name. He was also the benefactor of the Hillel Foundations at Northeastern and Boston Universities. The Riesman Center for the Harvard-Radcliffe Hillel in Cambridge was named for him and his family.

He leaves his wife, Sadie (Finkelstein); three sons, Robert of Providence, Martin L. of Newton, and Eugene N. Riesman of Montreal; four sisters, Gertrude Markell of Cambridge, Lee Ross of Boston, and Ruth Titiev and Marion Singer, both of Centerville, and seven grandchildren.

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Obituaries

Joseph Riesman, Founder of Royal Electric Co.

BOSTON, Mass. — Joseph George Riesman of 111 Perkins Street, Boston, and Hatch Road, Vineyard Haven, Mass., philanthropist and retired electrical manufacturer, died June 3, 1980 at Beth Israel Hospital in Boston. He was the husband of Sadie (Finkelstein) Riesman.

With his late brother Myer, he founded the Royal Electric Company, Pawtucket, which became the second largest producer of Christmas lighting in the world and the largest manufacturer of electrical plug fuses, as well as a major electric wire company. When the firm was acquired by International Telephone & Telegraph Company in 1956, Mr. Riesman devoted his full time and leadership thereafter to community, educational and philanthropic causes.

A trustee of Northeastern University, he was a member of the Executive Committee and its Board of Trustees, as well as the Academic Affairs, Student Affairs, and Facilities and Development Committees. He was a charter member of its National Council and its Husky Club Associates. He received in 1967 Northeastern University's Man of the Year Award.

He was also a former vice-president and trustee of the Beth Israel Hospital, a trustee of Temple Israel of Boston, and a trustee and member of the Board of Governors of Boston's Hebrew College. He was also a founder member of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University, a founding member of the Prime Ministers Club-State of Israel Bonds, a life trustee of the Combined Jewish Philanthropies of Boston, and a friend of Brandeis University.

He was a founder of the Greater Boston Chapter of the American Technion Society and became Chairman of its Board of Governors, serving also as the national vice-president of the Board of Directors of the Society and on the International Board of Honorary Fellow of Technion University, Haifa, Israel, and was a life trustee of the American Technion Society.

Tangible evidence of his philanthropy can be found in the Riesman Auditorium and the Riesman Laboratory at Northeastern University, as well as the Joseph and Sadie Riesman Plaza at Technion University in Haifa, and the chair in Electrical Engineering endowed in their name by their children.

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The son of Philip and Annie (Labinsky) Riesman, he grew up in Chelsea, Mass., attended the Chelsea schools where he was the president of his senior high school class, and served as a yeoman in the U.S. Navy during World War I. In 1918, he received a Bachelor of Science degree from Northeastern's School of Business. On June 15, 1980, he was to receive an honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters from Northeastern University at its commencement exercises.

Besides his wife, Mr. Riesman is survived by his sisters, Mrs. Gertrude Markell of Cambridge, Lee Ross of Boston, and Ruth Titiev and Marion Singer of Centerville; his sons, Robert Riesman of Providence, Martin L. Riesman of Newton, Mass., and Eugene N. Riesman of Montreal, Canada, and seven grandchildren.

The funeral will be held Friday noon in the main synagogue of Temple Israel, Riverway, Boston. Burial will be in Sharon Memorial Park, Sharon. Memorial week will be private.

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The American Technion Society is deeply grieved by the death of a distinguished community leader and beloved associate of many years, Life Trustee of our National Society and an Honorary Life Member of the Technion International Board of Governors.

Joseph G. Riesman will long be remembered for his years of leadership in behalf of the Technion Israel Institute of Technology. He is memoralized by a chair in Electrical Engineer bearing his name at the Technion.

The recipient of many honors he was presented an Honorary Fellowship at the Technion and the Einstein Award, our society's highest distinction.

We extend our deeply felt condolences to his wife Sadie and sons, Robert, Martin and Eugene.

Theodore H. Krengel, National President
Saul Solgal
Executive Vice President

Joseph Riesman, Philanthropist, Rites

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