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ROLLINS, SIDNEY P.

93, of Atlanta, GA, previously of Providence, RI died June 6, 2014. He was preceded in death by his wife of 45 years Ellen Rollins and by his brother Sanford Goldstein, both of blessed memory.

He is survived by his children; Ann Rollins of Atlanta, Jonathan Rollins of Dallas, Lisa Rollins of Charlottesville VA; grandchildren Daniel Jose, Alex Jose, and Michaela Rollins; and nieces Debby Oatman and Nancy Klasson. He grew up in St. Louis as part of a close extended family.

Upon completing a bachelor's degree at Washington University in St. Louis he enlisted in the army, serving in the infantry as a staff sergeant and earning five bronze stars. He took part in many of the major battles of WWII, including the D-Day landing on Omaha Beach and the Battle of the Bulge. After his discharge from the service he returned to Washington University, earning a Master's Degree and PhD. He moved to Providence with Ellen to accept a faculty position at Rhode Island College. His nearly thirty year tenure included teaching at the graduate level and serving as Dean of Graduate Studies. While at RIC, he authored several books on individualized instruction, published articles on educating the gifted, and consulted with school systems across New England on curriculum development. After retiring from RIC he accepted a position as Acting Assistant Commissioner for Higher Education for the State of Rhode Island. He subsequently joined the faculty at Bryant College for ten years, where he established and directed a program in Instructional Development. He was a loving and devoted husband and father. He was known for his sense of humor and his penchant for breaking into song. His consistent response to the question "How are you?" was "Never better."

The funeral was held in Providence, Rabbi Leslie Gutterman officiating. Donations may be made in Sidney Rollins' memory to Helen Forman Endowment for the Performing Arts, Rhode Island College Foundation, 600 Mt. Pleasant Ave., Providence, RI 02908.