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ROSENTHAL, SYLVIA (NADIEN)

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ROSENTHAL, SYLVIA (NADIEN), former Assistant Principal Cellist for the Rhode Island Philharmonic Orchestra, died on May 26th, 2006 at the Philip Hulitar Inpatient Hospice Center in Providence. Born in Fall River, she was the daughter of the late Max and Harriet (Shoob) Nadien.



Sylvia joined the USO directly after graduation from Durfee High School, just as World War II was ending. With her sister, the late Florence (Nadien) Weintraub, she toured the Allied bases in Korea, Japan, and throughout the Pacific Theatre, entertaining the troops at the liberations and at the beginning of the occupation presence. Upon her return, she attended The Juilliard School in New York, studying with Willem Wilike and Gregor Piatagorsky. Her son, Perry Rosenthal, who performed with her at the Philharmonic, sat as Principal cellist until his recent death. For twelve years, as mother and son, they occupied the first stand of the Philharmonic cello section, which was unique in an American orchestra. Sylvia retired from the Philharmonic with Florence in 1998, ending a 50-year career for both women. Until recently, Mrs. Rosenthal continued to play at numerous weddings, funerals, and celebrations throughout the southern New England area, and en-