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NARRAGANSETT — Longtime South County resident, environmental activist and URI Professor Emeritus Milton (Mitch) Salomon, 92, died Nov. 22. Raised in Passaic, New Jersey, Professor Salomon graduated from Rhode Island State College (URI) in 1937.



During World War II, he served in Europe and received both the Silver Star and the British Military Cross. He retired as a Lt. Colonel from the Army Reserves. After the war he completed his education at Virginia Polytech and North Carolina State College with a Ph.D. He returned to URI and taught soil science until his retirement.

With his wife, Betty, he then moved to a riverside home in Hopkinton, where they explored their passion for gardening, conservation and nature. A committed environmentalist, he served for many years on the board of the Rhode Island Audubon Society with a focus on agricultural land preservation. The Salomons were founding members of the Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Association. In his academic career, Salomon was an early advocate of organic agriculture. His research and consulting work carried him to England, Portugal, the Azores and to Chile, where he worked with subsistence farmers. He was a lifelong Democrat, New York Times reader and Red Sox fan. He leaves Betty, his wife of 60 years, and three children, David of Cambridge, MA; Deborah of Santa Rosa, CA, and Judith of Shaker Heights, OH; their spouses, and four grandchildren. Contributions may be made to the Salomon Fund at the Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Association, 203 Arcadia Rd., Hope Valley, RI 02832.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 14, 2007 at the South Kingstown Land Trust Barn, 17 Matunuck Beach Road, South Kingstown.