SAPOLSKY, Asher

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ASHER SAPOLSKY, 92, of Epoch on the East Side, 1 Butler Ave., a retired biochemist, former business owner, and a noted gardener, died Thursday at Rhode Island Hospital.

He was the husband of Eva (Rosenthal) Sapolsky. Born in the Ukraine, a son of the late Harry and Hannah (Tuninsky) Sapolsky, he had lived in Pennsylvania and Florida before moving to Providence in 1979.

Mr. Sapolsky was a chemist for the State Liquor Control Board in Pennsylvania. He was the owner of Friendly Drug, Harrisburgh, Pa., from 1953 to 1962.

He was a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, and received a doctorate in biochemistry from the University of Miami in Florida. He returned to school and obtained his doctorate at the age of 58.

He was also a research scientist at the University of Miami Medical School. He was on the adjunct staff of Miriam Hospital, Providence, conducting research on arthritis until he was 85.

He was a member of the American College of Rhumotology, American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, a Hadassah associate, a member of Temple Emanu-El, and a member of Havourah, Talmud Class and Kulanu of Temple Emanu-El.

He had a lifelong passion for gardening as was reflected in the garden at his former residence at Cole Avenue and Sessions Street, as well as a great love of music, history and books.

Besides his wife, he leaves a son, Walter Sapolsky of Brookline, Mass.; a daughter, Wanda Needleman of Providence; a sister, Mary Seidman of Philadelphia; and four grandchildren. He was the father of the late Steven Sapolsky, and brother of the late Benjamin Sapolsky.

The funeral service will be held tomorrow from Temple Emanu-El, Morris Avenue. Burial will be in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

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January 10, 2002. Residence: Epoch on the East Side, 1 Butler Ave., Providence. Beloved husband of Eva (Rosenthal) Sapolsky. Devoted father of Walter Sapolsky, Brookline, MA; Wanda Needleman, Providence; and the late Steven Sapolsky. Loving brother of Mary Seidman, Philadelphia, and the late Benjamin Sapolsky. Adored grandfather of Gabriel, Daisy, Deborah and Daniel. Funeral services Sunday at 11 a.m. at Temple Emanuel. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Temple Emanuel, 99 Taft Ave., Providence, RI 02906. Shiva will be observed at his late residence, Sunday-Thursday, 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. The family was assisted with the arrangements by the SUGARMAN-SINAI MEMORIAM CHAPEL.