SOFRD, LOUIS

4-15-02

LOUIS J. SOFRO, 91, of Sunny Isles, Fla., and formerly of Providence, a retired infant-products manufacturer, died Monday at Aventura (Fla.) Hospital.

He was the husband of Sylvia (Rosenzweig) Sofro, and previously of the late Madeline (Bromberg) Sofro. Born in North Adams, Mass., a son of the late Barney and Fannie (Sulkin) Sofro, he had lived in Providence before moving to Florida 30 years ago.

Mr. Sofro attended Antioch College.

He was the founder and president of Reliance Products Co. of Woonsocket, which he had operated for 20 years before selling it to the Gerber Food Co.

A collector of German Expressionist art, he traveled extensively throughout Europe, where he met many of the artists.

Mr. Sofro was a member of Temple Beth-El, in Providence, and a former member of Congregation Ohawe Sholam, in Pawtucket.

Besides his wife, he is survived by a son, Stephen B. Sofro of East Providence; a daughter, Susan B. Sofro of Providence; a brother, Stanley Sofro in California; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A graveside funeral service is planned for tomorrow at 1 p.m. at Beth-El Cemetery, Reservoir Avenue. PJ 4-17-2002

SOFRO, Louis J.

April 15, 2002. Residence: Sunny Isles, Fla. Beloved husband of Sylvia (Rosenzweig) Sofro and the late Madeline (Bromberg) Sofro. Devoted father of Susan B. Slepkow, Providence; and Stephen B. Sofro, East Providence. Loving brother of Stanley Sofro, Ca.; and the late David, Charles and Seymore Sofro. Adored grandfather of Jon, Jill, David, Jacqueline and Tara. Great-grandfather of three. A graveside service will be held on Thursday at 1:00 at Beth El Cemetery, Providence. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Jewish Federation of R.I., 130 Sessions St., Providence, R.I., 02906. Shiva will be observed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Slepkow, 27 Loring Ave., Providence, Thursday 2-4 and 7-9, Friday 2-4 and 6-8. The family was assisted with the arrangements by Sugarman-Sinai Memorial Chapel.

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