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DR GUSTAF

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SWEET, DR. GUSTAF, 93, a physician for over 50 years, died in Delray Beach, Florida, on January 27.

Dr. Sweet was born and raised in Providence, R.I., where he graduated in 1935 from Providence College. He received his medical degree from St. Louis University School of Medicine in 1939 and returned to Rhode Island for his internship and residency training at Pawtucket Memorial Hospital. There he met his future wife, a nurse, Esther Marion Luther. He joined the U.S. Army Medical Corps. in 1941, achieving the rank of Lt. Colonel as he supervised the training of doctors and medics who served overseas.

After World War II, Dr. Sweet returned to Providence and opened a private practice specializing in Internal Medicine for over 30 years. He was on the faculty at Brown University from 1973 to 1981, and was on the staffs of Rhode Island Hospital, Miriam Hospital, and Pawtucket Hospital. He was a Fellow of the American Medical Association, the Rhode Island Medical Association, the Providence Medical Society, the American Society of Internal Medicine, and the American Geriatrics Society. He was a member of Temple Emanu-El in Providence.

In 1982, Dr. Sweet passed his medical boards in the state of Florida, where he continued to practice medicine until 1990. His wife of 42 years died there in 1985. He is also predeceased by his parents, John and Sarah Sweet, his sister Evelyn Wax, and his brother, Dr. Morris Sweet.

Dr. Sweet married Velia Samuels in 1986, and together they enjoyed traveling the world, including Israel, Russia, China and Europe.

Survivors include his wife, Velia Samuels Sweet of Highland Beach, Florida, his daughter and son-in-law, Cheryl and Mark Krushat of Severna Park, Maryland, three grandsons, Sgt. John A. Krushat of Ft. Lewis, Washington, Joshua P. Krushat and Daniel M. Krushat, both of Severna Park, Maryland; sisters Frances Perlow of Providence, Eleanor Dwares of Warwick, and Helene Izen of Newton, Mass.

Funeral services will be held at Sugarman-Sinai Memorial Chapel at noon on Wednesday, January 31, followed by interment at Lincoln Park Cemetery in Warwick. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the charity of your choice. Shiva will be observed at the Crowne Plaza in Warwick on Wednesday 6-8 PM.