VIGO, Samuel

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SAMUEL VIGO, 92, of East Dennis, Mass., a former research chemist who helped develop standards for the analysis of iron, steel and titanium alloys, died Friday in Eagle Pond Rehabilitation Center, South Dennis, Mass.

He was the husband of the late Gertrude (Raiffe) Vigo. Born in New York, a son of the late Sol and Fannie (Rein) Vigo, he had lived in Providence and Boston for many years before moving to Cape Cod after he retired.

A 1926 graduate of Classical High School, he graduated from Brown University in 1930.

In the early 1930s, Mr. Vigo worked as chief analytical and research chemist at Watertown Arsenal, where he helped standardize the use of the spectrograph in the analysis of iron and steel alloys.

After World War II, he served as chairman of a national panel of governmental, educational and business researchers convened to establish standards for analysis of titanium alloys. This research eventually led to the use of titanium in many products today.

He also served as a representative to AGARD, a division of NATO that deals with aeronautical research. Mr. Vigo was elected a Fellow in the American Chemical Society and also in the American Society for Testing and Materials.

During his youth, he had delivered bread for his father's bakery, Korb's, on North Main Street.

Mr. Vigo was active with the United Jewish Appeal and the Jewish Federation. He supported many Cape Cod-area museums, libraries and classical-music organizations. He also did volunteer tax-return preparation for the elderly.

He leaves two daughters, Susan Strimling of East Dennis and Evelyn Vigo of Brookline, Mass., two grandsons and four great-grandchildren.

The service will be held today at 3 p.m. in Cape Cod Synagogue, 145 Winter St., Hyannis, Mass. Burial will be in Woodside Cemetery, Yarmouth, Mass.