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## Ira Wellins, 89

**CRANSTON** – Ira Wellins, of Cranston, died at home Feb. 28. He was married for 61 years to his wife, Frankie.

He owned Bayshore Pharmacy in Warwick for 32 years and held lectureships at several pharmacy schools.

Born in the Bronx, N.Y., he graduated from Connecticut College of Pharmacy before his World War II service. As a first



lieutenant, he was a secret radar bombadier who navigated the lead plane in 29 bombing missions over Germany. He earned three Air Medals and a Distinguished Flying Cross.

He was named the 1986 RI Pharmacist of the Year, the 1977 Preceptor of the Year at the URI College of Pharmacy, and the 1976 New England Pharmacist of the Year. In retirement, he was a docent at Roger Williams Park Zoo for 18 years.

In addition to his wife, he leaves his daughters, Dr. Diane Moul (Andy), of Providence, and Nancy Wellins (Michael Charles), of Maryland; and his grandchildren, Ricca, Samantha and Ari.

He donated his remains to Brown University Medical School. Donations may be made to the R.I. Zoological Society.