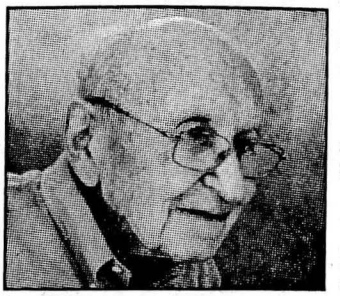
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ZITKIN, BURTON
died on May 2, 2016, at Haven Hospice Care Center, Gainesville, Florida. He was born on March 6, 1925, to Bessie and Joseph Zitkin in Providence and raised by his maternal grandparents, Etta and Isaac Hayman. He attended Henry Barnard School and graduated from Mt. Pleasant High School in 1943. He joined the army and was eventually assigned to the 94th Infantry Division. He fought with the second wave of allied troops at Normandy and in the Ardennes and helped to liberate Paris. In Germany he fought in the Rhineland and on the Siegfried Line. Toward the end of World War II, he marched with General Patton's army into Czechoslovakia, where American troops met the Soviet forces.

Burt was awarded the Combat Infantry Badge, two campaign ribbons, four battle stars, and the good conduct medal. He achieved the rank of private first class and was honorably discharged, returning to Providence on his twenty-first birthday. Belatedly, he was awarded the Bronze Star on October 8, 2003, by United States Senator Jack Reed of Rhode Island.

Burt attended Bryant College on the GI bill, received a BS degree in accounting, and spent his career as a corporate accountant. He married Ellen Griliches Weiss and helped to raise two stepchildren. Ellen preceded him in death in 1996. Burt married Carolyn Livingston in 2000. They lived in Cranston, moving to Florida in 2015.

Burt was predeceased by his sister Sheila Migden and stepson Jeffrey Weiss. He is survived by sisters Carol Semenuk and Gloria Tantalean and stepchildren Claire Weiss, Frank Medley, Jane Medley, Jennifer Medley Martin, Jeffrey Livingston, Patrick Livingston, and Laura Livingston Nuttle. His funeral and burial were on Friday, May 6, in Gainesville, Florida. Donations in Burt's memory may be made to the Livingston/Zitkin Fund, Department of Music, URI.