



Ronald Polman

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Ronald Polman, 92, a retired merchandise manager for a chain of New England department stores, died from complications of Parkinson's Disease on Nov. 4 in Bradenton, Florida.

Formerly of Longmeadow, Mass., where he lived for 35 years until he and his wife, Janet (nee Katz), moved to Sarasota, Polman bought women's coats and suits for the seven stores owned and operated by the Albert Steiger Co. The chain was dissolved in 1994, the same year Polman retired at age 69 to pursue his passions: traveling, tennis, chess, politics, and the New England Patriots.

Polman was born on July 27, 1925 in Hartford, Conn. He graduated Weaver High School in Hartford in 1942. He served three years in the U.S. Army during and after World War II, based in North Africa, Sicily, and Italy. He earned a business degree from Bryant College in Providence, Rhode Island. He worked for a string of department stores, including G. Fox & Co in Hartford and The Outlet in Providence, before joining Steigers in 1958.

Polman was interred at the Sarasota National Cemetery on Nov. 7.

He is survived by his wife of 69 years; three children, Richard, of Philadelphia, Jeffrey, of Los Angeles, and Mitchell, of Washington D.C.; two daughters-in-

law, Elise Vider, of Philadelphia, and Carmen Patti, of Los Angeles; three grandchildren, Joshua, of Philadelphia, Kelly, of San Francisco, and Jacob, of Los Angeles; ; a granddaughter-in-law, Christine Donaldson, of Philadelphia; and two great-grandchildren, Miles and Sophie, of Philadelphia.

Contributions may be made to Tidewell Hospice, 5955 Rand Blvd., Sarasota, Fla. 34238.