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## NELSON KESSLER OBITUARY

**N**elson S. Kessler, 82, of Providence House in Brighton passed away on January 20, 2015. He was the beloved husband of Harriet (Itzkowitz) Kessler, with whom he shared 55 years of marriage. They resided in Swampscott for 53 of those years and were long-standing members of Temple Sinai in Marblehead, where Nelson lovingly

made the wall with the Ten Commandments outside of the sanctuary, hand carving and gilding each letter. He will forever be remembered for his cheerful greetings, extraordinary brisket, fried matzah and Brotherhood breakfasts. Nelsons family was his greatest joy and he loved being with them, cooking for them and making treasured family heirlooms. He was the proud father of four loving daughters and sons-in-law: Helene Kessler and her husband John Hall; Judith Kessler and her husband Lee Arthurs; Marsha Kessler and her husband David Golden; and Amy Kessler and her husband Daniel Bertram. He also had two sons, Irvin Robert Kessler and Richard Kessler. He was the cherished grandfather of Rebecca, Eliana, Adam, Zach, Noah, Evelyn, Irene, Ian and Emma, for whom he made many wonderful things. Born in Chelsea, he was the son of the late Oscar and Esther Kessler and brother of Joseph Kessler and Beatrice Breitstein. He was a veteran of the Korean War and served in the Air Force maintaining fighter aircraft, attaining a rank equivalent to todays Airman First Class and receiving the National Defense Service Medal. He was always grateful for the GI Bill, which allowed him to study business. He went on to become a business person on the North Shore for over 40 years, owning nursing homes and a construction company. A funeral service will be held on Thursday, January 22nd at 10:30 AM at Levine Chapels, 470 Harvard Street, Brookline, MA. Burial will follow at Temple Sinai of Marblehead Cemetery, Danvers, MA. In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to the Salvation Army or Jewish Family Service of the North Shore, Salem Levine Chapels, Brookline, [www.levinechapel.com](http://www.levinechapel.com).

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