

ABEDON, BERNARD B.

Bernard B. Abedon dies at age 85; longtime Providence lawyer, Mason

PROVIDENCE — Bernard B. Abedon, 85, of 395 Angell St., a lawyer in Providence since 1929, died yesterday at Miriam Hospital. He was the husband of Anne (Seidman) Abedon.

Born in Providence, he was a son of the late Harry and Jennie (Volpe) Abedon.

Mr. Abedon attended Boston University College of Business Administration and was a 1928 graduate of Boston University Law School. He was admitted to the Rhode Island Bar the same year, and became a member of the federal court in 1929. He was a member of the Rhode Island Bar Association, and had served as chairman of its executive board. He was a member of the United States Judicature Society.

He joined the Redwood Masonic Lodge in 1928, and became a master mason in 1929. He was appointed junior steward six years later and advanced through the stations, and was elected worshipful master in 1941. In 1954 he became the grand master of Free Masons in Rhode Island.

Mr. Abedon was a member of the Providence Royal Arch Chapter, the Rhode Island Consistory, the Palestine Shrine, and was an honorary



member of the United Lodge, Brookline, Mass. He served as grand lecturer of the Grand Lodge, president of the Freemason Hall Company, and was chairman of the Masonic Education Forum. He received the 33rd degree at Buffalo, N.Y., in 1959.

He was a member of Temple Beth-El, was vice president of its Men's Club, and a member of the board of directors of the Jewish Home for the Aged of Rhode Island.

Former Gov. John O. Pastore appointed him to the United Nations Committee. He was a former chief crier of the Town Criers of Rhode Island. He was a member of the board of governors of the Big Brothers of Rhode Island, and a member of the board of directors of the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Rhode Island. He was a past president of the Ledgemont Country Club.

Besides his wife, he leaves two sons, Herbert J. Abedon of East Providence, a lawyer, and Probate Court Judge Richard L. Abedon of Tiverton; a sister, Ruth Grossman of Providence; five grandsons and a granddaughter. He was brother of the late Bertha M. Helford.

The funeral service will be tomorrow at 11 a.m. at Temple Beth-El, Orchard Avenue. Burial will be in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

Death notices

ABEDON, Bernard B.

March 18, 1991. Beloved husband of Anne (Seidman) Abedon. Residence: 395 Angell St., Apt. 204. Dear father of Herbert J. Abedon, Esq., East Providence; and Richard L. Abedon, Esq., Tiverton. Dear brother of Ruth Grossman, Providence; and the late Bertha M. Helford. Devoted grandfather of 5 grandsons and 1 granddaughter. Funeral services 11 a.m. Wednesday at TEMPLE BETH-EL, Orchard at Butler Aves. Relatives and friends are invited. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to your favorite charity. Memorial observance at his late residence Thursday 2-4 and 7-9 p.m.; Saturday 7-9 p.m.; Sunday 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Arrangements by MOUNT SINAI MEMORIAL CHAPEL.

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