

BERGER,
JOHN

John H. Berger

CRANSTON — John H. Berger, 73, of 953 Dyer Ave., founder and first president of the Cranston chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons, died Sunday at Kent County Memorial Hospital. He was the husband of Frances (Freeman) Berger.

Born in Providence, a son of the late William and Pauline (Cohen) Berger, he lived in Cranston since 1954.

Mr. Berger graduated from the former Bryant & Stratton Business College, now Bryant College, in 1938 with a degree in accounting. He was an automobile salesman for 38 years for the former Fuller Battery & Supply Co., and the State Battery Co.

Mr. Berger was forced to retire at age 62 due to illness. He became active in the AARP and founded the Cranston chapter. He was active in its volunteer tax-assistance program, became its state coordinator in 1986, and participated in the AARP national leadership orientation conference in Washington, D.C.

On June 19, 1991, the City of Cranston awarded him a certificate

of merit upon being appointed president-emeritus of the Cranston AARP, and for his support of Cranston's elderly.

He was a member of Temple Torat Yisrael, its board of trustees, and its Men's Club Board of Trustees. He also served as the club president and treasurer, and in 1986 was its "Man of the Year."

Mayor Michael A. Traficante proclaimed Feb. 23, 1986, John H. Berger Recognition Day in honor of his service to the community.

Despite serious illness in the fall of 1986, he became a member of the Silvertones, a men's singing group at the Cranston Senior Center, and was its booking agent. He was a member of the Redwood Lodge of Masons.

Besides his wife he leaves two daughters, Nancy Riffle of Providence and Wendy Miller of Phoenix, Ariz; a son, Alan Berger of West Warwick; a sister, Hilda Ratner Hiller of Nashville, Tenn., and three grandchildren.

The funeral will be held tomorrow at 1 p.m. at Temple Torat Yisrael, Park Avenue.

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December 1, 1991. Beloved husband of Frances (Freeman) Berger. Residence 953 Dyer Ave., Cranston. Dear father of Nancy Riffle of Providence, Wendy Miller of Phoenix, AZ and Alan Berger of West Warwick. Dear brother of Hilda Ratner Hiller of Nashville, TN. Devoted grandfather of Elana, Michelle and Elyse. Funeral service at Temple Torat Yisrael, 330 Park Ave., Cranston 1 p.m. Wednesday December 4. In

lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to The Kidney Foundation or your favorite charity. Shiva will be observed at the home of Sam Riffle, 563 Hope St., Providence Wednesday 7-9, Thursday 2-4 and 7-9, Friday 2-4. Arrangements by MOUNT SINAI MEMORIAL CHAPEL.