

Ramon F. Berger, at 64; involved in many Jewish philanthropic organizations

PROVIDENCE — Ramon F. Berger, 64, of Laurel Avenue, an executive in Jewish philanthropic organizations in Rhode Island and New York for several years until 1983, and a business broker in Providence for eight years before retiring in 1991, died yesterday at Hospice Care of Rhode Island, In-Patient Center, Maude Street. He was the husband of Anita Berger.



Born in Albany, N.Y., a son of Graenum and Emma Berger of New Rochelle, N.Y., he lived in Buffalo and Manhattan before moving to Providence in 1977.

Mr. Berger received his bachelor of science degree in 1951 and his master of arts degree in 1955 from New York University. He served in the Marine Corps during the Korean War, as a sergeant in the intelligence section of the Close Air Support Squadron. After the war, he became an administrator with the Jewish Community Center and Camping Services in New York and Rhode Island.

He was associate director of the Surprise Lake Camp, New York City, and the Usdan Center for the Creative and Performing Arts, social agencies of the New York Federation of Jewish Philanthropies.

In recognition of his contributions to the furtherance of Jewish values in the social work profession, he received the Israel Cummings Award of the Commission on Synagogue Relations of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York in 1971.

He was director of the Union of

American Hebrew Congregations, and a camping consultant to Hadasah on a national level. He was administrator and consultant to the Hebrew Zionist Youth Commission of New York. He was assistant director of the Jewish Community Center of Greater Buffalo, and executive director of the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island. He was noted for his skill in rebuilding and developing agencies in transition.

In Providence, he secured funding from HUD to provide access by ramp and elevator for the handicapped at the Jewish Community Center. For the needs of working mothers with children from three months to school age, he developed child daycare facilities at the center. In cooperation with Miriam hospital, he was active in a center project to provide a cardiac rehabilitation program, which was implemented in 1983.

In Rhode Island, Mr. Berger worked closely with the United Way in the funding and management sectors. He became a member of the management assistance and program support (MAPS) committee of the United Way of Southeastern New England. For several years, after leaving the community center field, he was active in business brokerage.

Besides his wife and parents, he leaves a son, Gideon S. Berger of Chicago; a daughter, Elizabeth H. Berger of New York City; and a brother, B. Michael Berger of Vienna, Va.

The funeral service will be held today at 1 p.m. at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St. Burial will be in the Kneseth Israel Jewish Cemetery of Gloversville, N.Y.

BERGER, Ramon F.

September 22, 1993. Husband of Anita H. Berger. Father of Elizabeth H. Berger and Gideon S. Berger. Father-in-law of Fred Kaufman. Son of Graenum and Emma Berger and brother of B. Michael Berger. Funeral Services Thursday at 1 p.m. at the MAX SUGARMAN MEMORIAL CHAPEL, 458 Hope St. (corner of Doyle Ave.) Providence. A contribution in Ramon's memory may be made to Hospice Care of R.I., 169 George St., Pawtucket RI 02860. The family will be at home Sunday and Monday.

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