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BERK,
GEORGE

CRANSTON

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C., 88, of 115 Summit Drive, died Sunday, February 5, 2012, at Hallworth House, Providence. He was the beloved husband of the late Claire (Besden) Berk.



Born in Providence, December 2, 1923, a son of the late Alfred and Sarah (Genter) Bearcovitch, he had lived in Cranston

since 1972. George was a Harvard Law School graduate (J.D., 1948) and was elected to the Board of Directors, Harvard Law School Forum, 1945-1948. He was admitted to the Rhode Island Bar in 1949, U.S. District Court, District of Rhode Island in 1950 and U.S. Court of Appeals, First Circuit in 1967. He was an instructor in Business Law at the University of Rhode Island, 1967. Mr. Berk was a member of the House of Representatives, 1955-1965, Chairman of the Commission on Uniform State Laws for the State of Rhode Island, 1961, a member of the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, 1961, a member of the Panel of Arbitrators, American Arbitration Association and a member of the American and Rhode Island Bar Associations. George was an Assistant Legal Counsel, Rhode Island Department of Human Services, 1971-1989.

He was a general practice lawyer in Providence for many years, retiring in 1989. He was a WW-II Army veteran serving in the South Pacific. George was a member of Temple Beth-El, a former member of Temple Beth Israel and a member of Touro Fraternal Association.

Devoted father of Suzi Nichols of Kennebunk, ME, Mimi Seabury and her husband Preston of Cranston and Robert Berk of Warwick. Dear brother of the late Aaron Berke and Norma Eder. Loving grandfather of Meka, Morgan, Nathan and Emily. Cherished great grandfather of Zoe, Jasper, Henry and Calliope.

A funeral service will be held Thursday at 1:30 p.m. in SHALOM MEMORIAL CHAPEL, 1100 New London Avenue, Cranston. In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to the American Heart Association. Shiva will be private.